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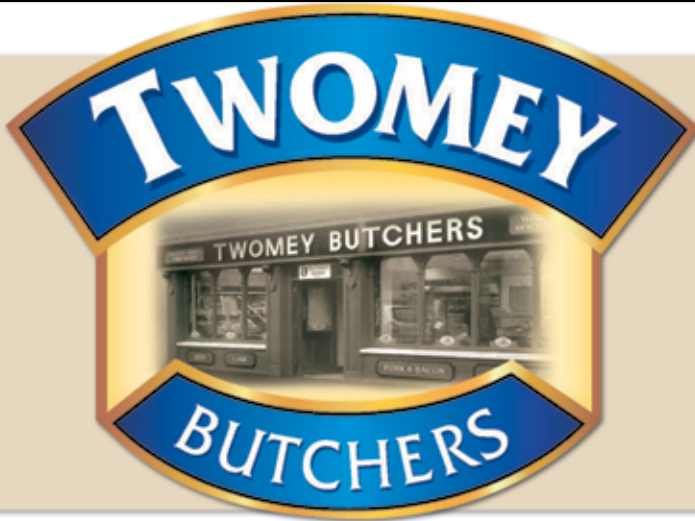
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current housing crisis, more isn't being done to preserve these structures, within walking distance of all amenities within the town. There are provisions whereby Local Authorities can work with owners of vacant homes to assist in whatever way they can to bring vacant homes back to use. However, where they deem it appropriate and necessary to the common good, they can also use legislative powers available to them to compulsorily purchase properties under the Housing Acts via Compulsory Purchase Orders (gov.ie). It will be interesting to see what steps the local Authority take in the County Development plan going forward to tackle this and to encourage repurposing of vacant properties. Contrary to this dereliction, is the very exciting

prospect of two new cafes opening in town, the return to most businesses reopening, and the bustling market on a Tuesday and Mart on a Saturday. All here at the Lee Valley Outlook wish you the best of luck and remember we are here to support the community in whatever way we can. **So, if you do have articles or images you wish to share email leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com**

Sarah Kate
Murphy
EDITOR



YOUTHREACH MACROOM

Youthreach Macroom as an Educational Experience for Student Felix Barnett

My name is Felix Barnett, I am 16 years old, and I only stayed in Secondary school for 4 months. I was very stressed mainly because I did not want to wait 5 more years to do my leaving cert and then go to college and move out. I tried moving to another secondary school for a while, but I still felt miserable there, so I left. I was too young to go to Youthreach at the time, so I left school fully for half a year and just stayed at home. When I was 15, I started going to Youthreach. I found it a lot less stressful and tiring than school, there were smaller groups in Youthreach, it was less formal, and we did a mixture of schoolwork, group work and work experience. My Dad was an Illustrator, and my Mam

is a painter, so I did a lot of art growing up, but I only started painting when I went to Youthreach. I did not like painting at first because I wasn't used to it and I felt like I wasn't good at it. Over lockdown I started painting more with help from my Art Teacher Kevin and realised I enjoy it a lot. I am getting a QQI4 level qualification in Employment skills this summer at Youthreach and I have been accepted onto an Art, Craft and Design course QQI5 in St. Johns Central College in Cork starting in September. I am 16 and I am going on to College and this makes me very proud.

Each year in Youthreach, students like Felix progress on to further Education or Apprenticeship training.

A happy healthy young person who can navigate his or her way in the world is the Core Aim of Education, hence the inclusion of life skills and Preparation for Work on par with Academic Certification in Youthreach Macroom. There 3 main components in the Youthreach Curriculum are outlined below.



Youthreach Macroom as an Educational Experience for Student Felix Barnett



"Back to Life" Artwork by Felix Barnett, Student Youthreach Macroom.

YOUTHREACH CURRICULUM

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

Accredited Qualification Equivalent of Junior Cert and Leaving Cert Ordinary Level

- ICT
- English
- Maths
- Art
- Customer Service
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- Decision Making and setting practical life goals
- Effective Communication skills
- Dealing with Change
- Importance of Team Building
- Well-Being Tool kit for Happiness
- Leadership
- Confidence through Achievement

WORK WISE SKILLS PROGRAMME

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- Career Planning
- Interview Skills and presentation
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- Identifying Key Skills and Abilities
- Work Ethic and Self Initiative in the Work- Place
- Time Keeping and Self Discipline
- Critical Thinking

SUBJECT AREAS

No one size fits all and a different pathway towards Apprenticeships, Employment or Higher education is what Youthreach offers young people who are out of Mainstream Education.

Youthreach Students, Felix Barnett, Paige Croinin and Przemek Kessling who are progressing on to Further Education in September 2021 to study Art Craft and Design, Psychology and Social Studies

and Soft Ware Development, respectively. Skylene Van Rensburg is progressing on to Level 4 QQI4 within Youthreach.



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Mrs Margaret Corkery, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, MCEGAN COLLEGE, MACROOM, RETIRES

Her ethic was: (be) Firm, Fair and Consistent

Margaret first taught in McEgan College in 1984 and has been a permanent staff member since 1991 - an association spanning thirty-seven years. She has been Deputy Principal since 2010. From childhood she always wanted to be a teacher and has no idea why. Her dream job turned out to be challenging and fulfilling and she enjoyed immensely the experience. Her tenets of Firmness, Fairness and Consistency were core to her work as a teacher.

Ann (née Walsh) and Con Kelleher, Carriganima, Margaret's parents, met at a dance in Macroom Town Hall in the late 1950s and married some years later. They had a good farm and had three children - Margaret, Ann, and James. Growing up on a farm, the children were immersed in farm work from an early age. All three attended Carriganima National School where Margaret was taught by Seán Kelleher, Kilnamartyra, a great teacher. Numbers were small and, for Margaret's earlier years there, it was a two-teacher school. That was no impediment to receiving a great basic education.

Margaret next attended St Mary's Secondary School, Macroom, from the mid to late 1970s. Here she was blessed to meet very able and committed teachers, and she was especially impressed by Sr. Rosario, science teacher. Good at all subjects, she was especially interested in maths and science. As Physics was not then taught in St. Mary's, she and her classmate, Eileen McSweeney, attended De La Salle, Macroom, so as to take the subject for the Leaving Certificate.

Having done well, Margaret attended UCC where she obtained an Honours degree in Maths and Geology with Chemistry as a minor subject. She returned to St Mary's to do her Higher Diploma in Education. Her sibling Ann studied Electrical Engineering in UCC where she completed a B.Eng.(Elec.) and a Ph. D. She is Senior Vice-President and General Manager of Technology Development at Intel Corporation. James qualified in Mechanical Engineering in Cork Institute of Technology (now M.U.T.) and is a farmer.

Most of Margaret's teaching career was spent in McEgan. In 1984, in her Diploma year, she was a substitute teacher in McEgan for two months. The following school year she 'subbed' there from September to March and from March to June, taught in the Sacred Heart College, Clonakilty. In 1985/'86 she taught in Scoil Stiofáin Naofa, Cork, now a Post Leaving Certificate College. Cork County VEC gave her a permanent position in September 1986, and she was assigned to Schull Community School where she taught Maths, Science, Chemistry and Geography. The school was very young and had a very good Principal. In 1990 Margaret qualified as a resource teacher, an innovation; resource teaching reflected a more comprehensive attitude to education, and an attempt to remove some barriers. Following a transfer request for personal reasons, Margaret returned to McEgan in 1991 and taught Maths

and introduced higher Level Maths for the Leaving Cert. Her other role in the school was resource teacher. From 2003-2008 she was acting Deputy Principal.

A new post opened for Margaret in 2008 when she became Home School Liaison teacher for McEgan and Scoil Phádraigh, Bandon. Margaret returned as Deputy Principal to McEgan in a permanent capacity in 2010.

As in society many profound changes in education occurred over the course of Margaret's career. In the mid 1990s the Group and Inter Certificates were amalgamated to become the Junior Certificate, and an optional Transition Year was introduced, with the senior cycle becoming three years. For many transition year has been very beneficial. Getting to college and graduating became the accepted goal. Now the pendulum is swinging back towards apprenticeships. To this end Margaret believes that community schools, à la Millstreet, are probably the best option available to provide a wide range of subjects and supports.

In contrast to before, department teachers now collaborate closely, and sometimes two teachers simultaneously conduct the one class. Professional development for teachers is another innovation and Continued Professional Development is a key component in improving the quality of teaching. Technological advances and digitalization have had an enormous impact on education. In 1986 calculators were allowed in senior cycle and for the Leaving Cert. - 'log' books became obsolete. The Commodore computer was first introduced in the mid 1980s and COMAL was an early computer programme. In the early 1990s Margaret wrote to the VEC CEO seeking a computer for the Learning Support Department to help with reading, spelling and maths. It was well into the 2000s before computers were in every classroom.

Pre computers and digitalization 'Talk and Chalk' were the teachers' tools, with possibly an overhead projector. Whiteboards and projectors linked to i-pads or computers are now the order of the day. Online teaching is currently practiced and came to the fore when schools were in lockdown due to the pandemic. Teaching on-line was new and difficult for students and teachers alike but everyone had 'to get on with it' as best they could. Another big progression is the provision of 'Special Educational Need' in mainstream schools. This process began as remedial education in the late 1980s. Students are now taught in mainstream classes and receive supplementary teaching or are taught in specifically designed rooms. Special Needs Assistants work in classrooms. This mixture benefits everybody in the school.

For students there have been changes too. The Education Act 1998 allowed for the establishment of Student Councils, supervised by teachers, where student issues can be discussed, and students can propose initiatives. According to Margaret it is important for students to have this opportunity and that their voice is heard.

Since uniforms were introduced, Margaret has seen girls' skirts shorten, lengthen, and shorten



Margaret Corkery's graduation photo, 1983. (Supplied by Margaret).



Margaret at a school presentation in the 1980s (Probably Seán Mac Suibhne was the photographer; supplied by Margaret).



Margaret on the occasion of MEP Seán Kelly's visit to McEgan when Ms Helen Cadogan was Principal. (Supplied by Margaret).



Margaret Corkery with an 1980s calculator and computer textbook. (C. Kelleher).



Margaret making a presentation. (C. Kelleher).

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again. Girls now also have the option of wearing trousers. She also saw many hairstyles come and go: hair has been long, short, cropped, technicoloured, bleached, straightened, extended and dread-locked. But students, as ever, respond to respect, firmness, fairness, and consistency.

As a teacher, Margaret stresses the importance of treating every student uniquely: each student has her/his learning strengths and weaknesses. A teacher nowadays must be a good teacher, a social worker, a psychologist, and a counsellor. As with other professions paperwork and data collection is very onerous. But the greatest challenge of her period teaching was posed by the Covid pandemic of 2020-21. When schools reopened after lockdown there were major health and safety issues and the problem of teaching wearing masks is difficult and awkward.

During her time in McEgan, Margaret has had four Principals: Dónal Ó Máthuna (-1993), Brendan O'Brien (1993-2003), Helen Cadogan (2003-2012) and Trish Lynam (2012-2021). All were very able but different in style and it is significant that the latter two are ladies, the first and second in the College.

School life had its lighter moments too and she had many amusing interactions with pupils. One boy was overactive and often had questions to ask or comments to make. When in fifth year he raised his hand during a maths class and commented "Miss, the guards are advertising for detectives; you should apply". Margaret had caught and reprimanded him for a few minor incidents in the previous few days. Once she received a farewell note from a Leaving Cert. Class which read: "to Mrs Corkery, who we've always had a good relationship with, despite the fact that we drove her mad with being late in the morning. It doesn't matter what door you come in or how quickly you run up the stairs, she will always catch you. And we think she secretly gets a kick out of it too". Recently two fifth year students gave her a 21st Birthday Card and wrote they would retire with her. Margaret gave them permission to retire in 2022!

Excuse for non-attendance and non-submission of work were many, varied and some original. One student note, signed by a parent, for a child being late read: "to be honest, X was too tired". Some students just did not like school. Looking for a lad who was late presenting a project, Margaret found that he was not in school. When she phoned his home, his mother replied that he was in a field 'under a tractor bonnet'. On three occasions Margaret collected children from home to sit state examinations. On another occasion,

when she was issuing two probation cards, one of the students argued his case. The second student advised his partner-in-crime that "there is no point in arguing with Mrs Corkery as she always wins". All the students quoted did well in life.

Schools comprise overlapping interactive circles of people. Management, staff, both teaching and non-teaching, students, students' parents, and the local community are all involved, and interact. A difficult if essential task is to get on well with people from all groups while keeping the organisation functioning well and humanely. Miss Hazel Bourke, a colleague, wrote this: "Margaret possesses a natural innate kindness and empathy which is shown to all that she meets, whether students, parents, or staff, which she demonstrates on a daily basis in a practical, no-nonsense way via a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or a small act of caring. The ethos of a school, like most organisations, comes from the top down. In McEgan we are lucky to have had Mrs Corkery as part of our management team and her kindness and care of others is reflected in all school life both in and outside the classroom". Cáit Clifford a colleague for many years wrote this of Margaret: "I worked with Margaret for over 20 years in McEgan College. I always found Margaret to be approachable and helpful. I know that the students always appreciated all her efforts on their behalf".

Niamh Condon, another long-term fellow teacher recalled some incidents and observations from school. The 'burning bush': "There used to be a bush where the Astro turf now is, and the students used to hide from Margaret behind the bush smoking, as you couldn't see them from the school building. Margaret christened it 'the burning bush'.

Margaret has a huge collection of shoes in all colours and styles, and I think she had a different pair of shoes for every outfit she wore. I was in awe of her shoe collection and her different outfits. She rarely wore the same outfit twice in the same school year.

I always remember the day Margaret arrived to school in the Patrol Jeep, about 15 or 16 years ago and she was in boots and jeans and casual gear. It was so strange not to see her wearing one of her stylish outfits. The whole school was going to the ploughing match up the country and Margaret arrived in school dressed for the occasion. She was like a different woman, ready for muck and farm-work. She was going to drive-up herself in her country jeep and to follow the students who were going on a rented bus".

Out of the classroom Margaret had other interests and commitments. When younger she was a member of the very vigorous Macroom Branch of Macra na Feirme and became its secretary for a period. Activities ranged from farming education to competitions and social activities. Contemporaries included Geraldine Murphy, North Square, R.I.P, Jackie Byrne, Kate O'Leary, George White, and others, and they had a 'mighty' time. It was through Macra that she met Michael Corkery, Millstreet, a farmer, and they married in 1990. They have two children John and Conor; the latter has a science degree and combines work and farming. Despite the difficulties, Margaret continued to juggle successfully, if not easily, all her roles, including her teaching career.

For Margaret interacting with students was the most enjoyable and rewarding aspect of teaching. She was very proud to have been appointed Deputy Principal which meant she was entrusted with the important task of assisting in managing the school. To become a good leader in education, one must be dedicated, create a nurturing and challenging environment for students, respect students and their values and opinions, and be firm, fair, and consistent. The 'prize' for this is that students will come to teachers with their issues and problems and receive the appropriate help and support. Good teachers 'listen well'.

On retiring, Margaret will miss teaching, especially her school colleagues whom she described as "the best group of people" with whom to work. She will miss enormously students. Working with teenagers is not for everyone but Margaret loved it.

As with almost everything Margaret has thought about retirement and has a plan. In a recent Irish Independent article, she was struck by the headline - "Don't retire - Rewire". Top of her 'to-do' list is travel, especially to visit places in Europe that she has not yet seen. Other areas to be explored are gardening, baking, cooking, interior decorating and visiting friends - all of course dependent on Covid's abatement.

To quote Margaret she intends to 'Live'. There is no doubt that she will be successful in that task.

On behalf of the people of Macroom and District, 'Thanks' and 'Best Wishes'.

P.S. On a personal note, I have known Margaret for many years; she has always been most pleasant to meet and brilliantly co-operative in providing assistance with any enquiries about McEgan's activities. Mile Buíochas.
By Con Kelleher

A Fond Farewell to Margaret Corkery Deputy Principal

by Ms Trish Lynam, Principal of McEgan College, Macroom

I first met Margaret Corkery when we were both appointed HSCL (Home School) coordinators for our respective schools in 2008, Margaret with McEgan College and myself with Davis College. We had a four-day in-service induction in the City West Hotel, Dublin. Over the coming years, we met up again at various cluster meetings hosted by County Cork and North Cork HSCL, and an easy friendship developed. Margaret moved on in 2010 when she took up the position of Deputy Principal in McEgan College. Our paths were destined to cross again when

I became principal of McEgan College in April 2012. This could have been a very daunting and frightening role to take on (at times it was and more) but Margaret's experience, knowledge and patience meant the transition went relatively smoothly. Her knowledge of the community and families, who attend McEgan College, is truly remarkable. She has encyclopaedic knowledge, and this is invaluable. She has taught me plenty and I am grateful to her, but every day is a school day and there is still much to learn. However, life is nothing but a cycle and now it is

time for it to turn again and we must say a fond farewell to Margaret. Even though officially on the 1st of September she will retire, deep down Margaret's presence will also be felt around the classrooms and corridors of McEgan for years to come. She leaves an indelible mark with us all. And, we thank you for that. It has been my pleasure and honour to work side by side with Margaret over the past nine years. I wish you, Michael, and family a long and happy retirement.

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Transition Year Students at the Gearagh with Kevin Corcoran



Kevin Corcoran presenting his recent book on the Gearagh to Mrs Corkery. Kevin was a past pupil of McEgan.



Norah Naughton Board Of Management Representative making a presentation to Deputy Principal Mrs. Margaret Corkery on her retirement.

TRIP TO THE GEARAGH WITH THE TYs

The TYs visited the Gearagh recently and were very fortunate to have Kevin Corcoran as their guide for the occasion. Kevin is an expert on the Gearagh Sanctuary and the students were enthralled by his stories and his knowledge of this very special area which is on the town's doorstep. The weather was kind for the students as Kevin went through the social history of the area, the geographical aspects of the terrain and finally spoke of the eco system which is very important to sustainability of the Gearagh. Kevin has recently launched his new book on the Gearagh and presented a signed copy to Mrs Corkery (Deputy Principal). Once the Library re-opens, the students will be able to use this as a resource for their future Biology and Geography projects.

PIETA FUNDRAISER AT MCEGAN

A Pyjama/Non uniform day was held today in McEgan College to raise funds for Pieta house. Pieta provides a free, therapeutic approach to people who are in suicidal distress and those who engage in self harm and those bereaved by suicide. All of their services are provided free of charge and no referral is needed. The Cork branch of Pieta is located in Bishopstown. They can be contacted on the freephone number of 1800 247 247 or by texting HELP to 51444 for those in crisis. McEgan is committed to carrying out one fundraiser per year for Pieta as part of the Amber Flag Initiative. Pictured are junior and senior students who embraced the day most positively. A total of €350 was raised. All at McEgan would like to thank their students and their families.

MCEGAN COLLEGE SENSORY GARDEN

Second year science students explored the

sensory garden with their science teacher Ms Shannon and SNA Marie. The wide variety of herbs, fruit, vegetables, and flowers gave students an appreciation for the importance of biodiversity. Thank you to Macroom Tidy Towns for this fabulous amenity.

NEW MURAL AT THE CASTLE GATES

A very special Thank You to Denis Reardon & Cormac Shiels (Artists Supreme) who gave a very interesting presentation on the Mural they are painting inside the Castle Demesne at the moment. Denis & Cormac gave an insight on the research that was required before they commenced the painting, and the TY Group were very appreciative of their time to speak to them in particular those who intend to study Art for their Leaving Cert. It is well worth taking a walk under the Castle Arch to have a look at this beautiful historical collection of paintings.

Macroom District Environmental Group

Weedkiller in Macroom's water supply

Irish Water has in recent years reported "undesirable" levels of weedkiller glyphosate in Macroom's public water supply. Extracted from the River Sullane, this contaminated water is then supplied to local homes and businesses. Glyphosate is the active ingredient in the weedkiller Roundup, the most widely used herbicide in the world. Easily available to gardeners, groundskeepers and farmers alike, it is used locally for purposes such as spraying driveways, yards, public footpaths, 'burning-off' grass before reseeding fields, as weed control for tillage, and is applied to crops such as barley and potatoes before harvest. The World Health Organization's international agency for research on cancer has classified glyphosate as 'probably carcinogenic to humans'. Studies have found a link between high levels of exposure to glyphosate and an increased risk of non-Hodgkin lymphoma in humans. Herbicides, including glyphosate, are also a threat to biodiversity on farms and in gardens. Spray can drift from crops onto field margins and hedgerows

killing wildflowers and therefore impacting a food source for insects and seed sources for birds and small mammals. Gardens can be over manicured and simplified by spraying areas that could otherwise support wildflowers, an added pressure for declining insects, especially pollinators like bees. Studies indicate that glyphosate in particular can affect honeybee health by altering the gut microbiome, increasing susceptibility to pathogens. Irish Water are responsible for ensuring that drinking water quality meets the standards in the Drinking Water Regulations and notifying the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of any failures to meet those standards. While the Health Service Executive (HSE) has concluded that the detected levels of glyphosate do not represent a threat to public health, they have deemed the level present in Macroom's water supply as 'undesirable' according to information from Irish Water's press office. Irish Water does not have a treatment option to remove pesticides when they are detected in drinking water and the utility does not have enforcement powers in the surrounding

catchment area. Other agencies, such as Teagasc, and the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM), have responsibilities in terms of working directly with groups who impact on water sources. Though a high level of glyphosate was recorded by Irish Water in 2019, an excess was not detected in the Macroom water supply in 2020 and current monitoring for the 2021 season is on-going. The use of glyphosate in public places has been prohibited in many European countries. Others are in the process of phasing out its use, while Luxembourg, the first country in the EU to do so, has introduced a total ban on glyphosate based products since January 2021. Cork County Council have recently launched a responsible use of pesticides campaign focused on occasional users of herbicides. A key message of the campaign is that users should consider not using herbicides in their gardens at all. The campaign has produced a short informative video, Spray Safe. Available on YouTube at the following location - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shs9i2tGEYQ&feature=youtu.be>

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St. Mary's News



Martyna Byrdziak, Leah Coughlan, Erika O Shea, and Ava Rose Gallagher on their graduation at St Marys Secondary School



Rachel Dromey and Samar Rami Alloush, on their graduation at St Marys Secondary School

FIRST CUT YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

Nora Twomey (3rd Year), recently took part in several filmmaking workshops. During and after the workshops she made several short films, one of which she entered into the First Cut Youth Film Festival. Nora's short film Time Travelling Tourists was entered into the category, "Creating Stories from The Past". In this category, filmmakers had to incorporate archive footage from ten selected films, into their films. Nora used archive footage of Ireland in the fifties. Her five-minute film tells the story of two teenagers from the fifties who get caught in a time warp and find themselves present day Ireland. With the help of three budding actors, Emer O Connor, Amy Sheehan and Gemma Munro, the story is "imaginative, witty and technically very well put together", according to the judges of the competition. Nora, who wrote, edited and directed the film and had a cameo appearance, won the award for best film in her category of fourteen films and received a wonderful prize of a professional microphone for use on future projects. Well done Nora, this is a super achievement. We really enjoyed your film, it was so entertaining, congratulations.

NATIONAL FINAL OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT SESSION

Congratulations to Lara O' Sullivan (5th Year) who was recently accepted into the National Final of European Youth Parliament Session in Ireland. This competition will be on from the 7th to the 11th of June where Lara will be debating issues from adoption laws in Croatia to the development of support systems for mental health services. She will be participating with delegates from all four provinces of Ireland during the four days of the competition and she is currently busy researching the issues in preparation for this event. Well done Lara, this is such a fantastic achievement.

TRANSITION YEAR GRADUATION

On Thursday the 20th of May we celebrated the end of our 4th year students Transition Year with an online Zoom Graduation. The format

for TY was different this year but we felt that it was really important to involve parents in the celebration and to give them a snapshot of what their daughters were involved in this year. Opportunities for the girls this year included: BT Young Scientist Competition, The Buddy System, The Angus Competition, Journalism Club, Committees including Feminism Club, Gender Sexuality Alliance, Mental Health Committee and many more. The girls also completed online courses including The Bar of Ireland, Life Skills Program, Drive for Life, Sign Language, IBEC, Fast Fashion and Climate Change. They also completed a variety of online courses from Open University. They completed a First Aid Course and attended the Shine Festival. Transition Year Co Ordinators, Ms Donovan and Ms Collins, along with all of the staff in our school would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this lovely group of young ladies on completing their TY with great enthusiasm and positivity. They engaged fully in all aspects of the TY course and they also maintained a strong academic focus across all of their subjects. Well done girls you were very accepting of the new direction that TY had to take this year, you showed excellent resilience and you remained positive throughout the year, approaching each activity with a fabulous attitude. You took this opportunity to develop your skills and grow in confidence in different ways. Congratulations.

GAELLINN IRISH DEBATING ALL IRELAND FINAL

Bhí Craobh na hÉireann den Chomórtas Óraide an Phiarsaigh Gaellinn ar siúl ar an gCéadaoin 19ú Bealtaine. Bhí an t-ádh leis an scoil go raibh beirt ón scoil cáilithe don chraobh seo, ba é an chéad uair ag an scoil é. Bhuaigh Anna Ní Mhathúna agus Cara Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh an chraobh réigiúnach i Mí Aibreán. Don chomórtas seo, bhí orthu labhairt faoin gcóras oideachais na laethanta seo agus an toadhcháí, agus an tionchar ag na meáin shóisialta ar dhéagóirí. Rinne siad taispeántas den scoth ar an oíche. Táimid fíor bhródúil as na cailíní seo agus an t-éacht mór atá déanta acu i mbliana. Bhuaigh

na cailíní dearbhán €100 agus plaic álainn. Maith sibh a chailíní - tá toadhcháí na teanga sábháilte libh!

LEAVING CERT GRADUATION.

On Friday the 14th of May we celebrated a Covid Friendly Graduation for our Leaving Cert Class of 2021. We had such a lovely day with the girls. We would like to take this opportunity to thank these fantastic girls for being such a pleasure to have in our school for the last 6 years, ye are amazing, resilient and so kind. We wish each and every one of you the very best in the next chapter of your lives. We are so proud of you all and we will really miss you!



Cara Moloney and Anna O Mahony with their Trophies for winning the regional final of the Gaellinn Irish Debating Competition



Lara O Sullivan All Ireland of the European Youth Parliament Session Ireland



5th and 6th class pupils from Muinefliuch NS setting off litter picking on their recent spring clean day in the locality



Juniors Infants, Senior Infants and 1st class pupils from Muinefliuch NS litter picking on their recent spring clean day

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Macroom Hairdresser and UCC professor show how businesses can fight the virus

There's some very simple advice for all Cork businesses opening today - keep your doors and windows open. And it's based on a basic but effective experiment carried out by a UCC chemistry professor with the help of a well-known Leeside hairstylist.

When professor John Wenger wanted to look at how the spread of the Covid-19 virus can be halted in the kind of premises which are re-opening for business and welcoming the public, he enlisted the help of Nora Cronin of Head 2 Toe stylists on Princes Street.

The UCC professor, who studies air particles and pollution, has already advised several schools in his hometown of Macroom on how to properly ventilate classrooms to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

So a chance meeting with his neighbour Nora led to a further, salon-based experiment.

"We actually met up in Dunnes Stores and Nora was telling me she was opening her salon and wanted to do what she could to protect the health of her customers and staff," John told CorkBeo.

The duo hit on a plan. When barbers and hairdressers were allowed to re-open last week, John gave Nora a small CO2 monitor and asked his friend to place it in the middle of her salon, at an unused station, about one-to-two metres from the chairs being used for customers.

The little monitor measures particles of CO2 in the air. Covid-19 can be transmitted through respiration particles so the fewer particles you have in a room, the 'fresher' the air is, the less likely it is that the virus can linger in a closed space and infect people.

"I gave Nora some simple advice - if the CO2 level went above 800, open a window and door and get some good airflow going through the room."



Nora Cronin a hairdresser from Macroom testing of CO2 levels which may assist salons etc on reopening in relation to Covid.

The results from Day 1 of the experiment showed that when customers came in, the CO2 particle level would rise to 800ppm (parts per million) even with the window open.

But taking John's advice, Nora simply opened the door to the salon and the CO2 particle levels dropped rapidly.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tech Week 2021 in St. Joseph's was a great success. The school was a hive of activity with our friendly Beebots being kept busy by the children. The children used the Beebots to practice their coding skills, solving problems and taking on a variety of roles while working as part of a team. 3rd class had a fun Beebot Dance off! We have just received delivery of our newest addition to the Beebot family; a new maze, giant snakes and ladders and pen holders to turn the bees into artists as well. The children (and the bees) are buzzing with excitement!

Our older classes used Scratch to create their own animations and stories. They worked creatively together and had lots of fun. We also explored how pictures are made of pixels, compared computers to how our brain processes information and had lively and interesting discussions.

We are currently on the final stages of our work for our 4th Green Schools Flag which is Travel. The Green Schools Committee have been encouraging our classes to walk to school on Fridays which they call 'Footprint Fridays'. We will have a Walk to School week from May 24th to 28th with National WOW (Walk on Wednesday) on May 26th.

Classes in St Joseph's have been keeping up work on helping the environment in other ways by: cutting down on waste in lunch boxes, bringing reusable bottles and towels into school each day and monitoring the usage of water in the classrooms. 3rd class are taking part in Picker Pals this year which is a fun, environmental activity programme which motivates children to lead litter picking adventures with their families. Some of the Green Schools Committee are pictured here with our Rainwater Harvester.



St Josephs Primary School



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Students from Dromleigh N.S. enjoying the great outdoors to learn about their local area.



Kilbarry NS Junior Room pupils who took part in 4 weeks of tag rugby with Will Shubart from Munster Rugby.





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Local Writer in the Running for 2021 Sunday Times Audible Short Story



Local writer Grainne Murphy, a Kilmichael native, has been longlisted for the prestigious 2021 Sunday Times Audible Short Story Award for her story 'Further West' (unpublished).

As a young girl, Grainne attended Dromleigh National School, one of Ireland's longest-running schools and later Grainne, attended St Marys Secondary School, Macroom, where her interest in English was supported and encouraged by English teacher Mrs Twomey. At that stage she has no idea that the future held writing in her hands, finishing school in 1999. Grainne went on to study Applied Psychology in UCC, followed by an MPhil in forensic psychology. As with most of us, life stepped in with its twists and turns and she worked in HR for ten years, a complete 360 from her university studies. Following the illness and death of her baby daughter, Grainne moved to Belgium with her husband and children, where they spent 5 years. It was here that the seeds for writing were sown. Grainne got the train to the

UK regularly where she completed a master's in creative writing at Kingston University in 2017, a short commute from Brussels. Grainne secured a 2-book publishing deal with Legend Press. Speaking of her publishers, she described them as generous, open, and genuinely excited about books.

Grainne and her family moved back to Belgooly, Cork, in 2016. Leaving behind a Belgium broken by terrorist bombings. Speaking of the move, Grainne said it was a strange time but that the children adapted well to their new home. Grainne reworked her story 'Where the Edge Is' for publication with Legend Press in 2020. A book launch in a pandemic was strange and hard. When shops reopened last summer, Grainne was able to physically see her books on sale in local cork shops such as Fitz's bookshop, Waterstones, Vibes & Scribes, Kinsale Bookshop & Bookstór Kinsale. The excitement of seeing her books on a bookshelf was a dream come through and a real

pinch-me moment.

Her second book 'The Ghostlights' is set to launch in September 2021.

Since her return to Ireland, Grainne found things hadn't changed much since the recession, a preoccupation which getting on the property ladder, housing and home repossessions remained a hot topic. The premise of repossession later formed a central theme to her short story 'Further West'. A myriad of complex family connections and exploration of trauma form the backbone of many of her stories, to great literary success.

Exciting times are ahead for this local writer, to follow Grainne's creative journey you can follow her on Twitter @GraMurphy or Instagram @gramurphywriter or check out her website www.grainnemurphy.ie

MACROOM LIBRARY:

We are delighted to inform you that Macroom library and all libraries are now opened to the public. Our Opening Hours:

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Any problems please do not hesitate to contact us. In partnership with **Healthy Ireland and Libraries Ireland**, GIY Ireland (Grow It Yourself) announced the launch of **"Grow It Forward"**. Through this initiative, 50,000 free food growing 'seed packs' were given away. Each food growing pack includes seeds for beetroot, carrots, salad leaves, peas & tomatoes.

For those of you that received the seed packs please be sure to share your photos of your produce to growitforward@corkcoco.ie & you could be in a chance of winning some fantastic Grow It Forward books.

Cork County Library & Arts Service is proud to announce the launch of its **Virtual LGBTQIA+ Bookclub**. The initiative is part of our "Words Will Change Worlds" project, funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth to help increase visibility & awareness of the LGBTQIA+ Community. It also aims to alleviate some of the issues felt, such as social isolation especially in rural areas.

The books will be LGBTQIA+ themed – adults over 18 are welcome to join & the library service will provide books & facilitate meetings.

If you are over 18 & are interested in joining, send an expression of interest message or if you need more information, please send an email to: bookclubs@corkcoco.ie

Keep an eye out for our **Online Weekly Quizzes** for Children and Adults. They are a great source of entertainment and fun for all the family or maybe you can have a zoom quiz meeting with your friends some evening. Our Facebook page is **Cork County Council Library & Arts Service** & have all the details.

We are delighted to announce that our Cork County Council Library & Arts Service Summer Stars Reading Programme is going ahead again this year from June to August. We will be encouraging all children in Cork County to sign up, read & take part in our wonderful series of events during the summer holidays. Each child who registers for the Summer Stars Programme will receive a Bookmark, pencil & reading card, that they can fill out as they read during the summer.

On June 12th, we will be celebrating **Cruinniú na nÓg**, a day of creativity for children & young people. We will be launching our series of Summer Arts activities then so there will be loads going on to keep our young patrons busy during the summer months. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page/Posters on library windows for more details.

In conjunction with this, we are running a **Bookmark Design Competition** for primary school children. The theme is: "My Favourite Book Character goes on holiday".

There will be four prize categories: age 5 & under/6-8 years/ 9-12 years & children with special needs.

You can print off the template & entry form from our Facebook Page or you can get it in the library. You can return the completed entry to the library or alternatively you can scan it & email it to: schools.library@corkcoco.ie Closing date: Saturday May 29th

There are lots of great prizes to be won & the winning designs will be announced by the wonderful Basher Bacon during the Cruinniú na nÓg celebrations on YouTube on June 12th.

Get drawing & Good luck. We are really looking forward to seeing all your wonderful designs.

Please follow us on Facebook - Cork County Council Library & Arts Service and Twitter -@Corkcolibrary for all our up-to-date news and information. We look forward to seeing you. Just remember to sanitize your hands & keep social distance.

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CLONDROHID

CHURCH SERVICES: The weekly 9.30am Mass will be celebrated in Clondrohid. On Saturdays the 6pm Mass will be in Carriganima, and the 7.30pm Mass will be in Clondrohid. And the 9.30am on Sunday will be in Clondrohid. The two Masses in Clondrohid will be on the web as well.

The rules are as follows: 50 people per Mass with face covering and the usual hygiene precautions
Baptism: Immediate family members- Parents, siblings, sponsors, and grandparents.

Marriage: Up to 50 guests in church

Funeral Mass / Prayers : Up to 50 mourners in Church.

Confession: 12.30pm in Clondrohid with health measures being observed.

House calls to Sick: First Friday visits recommence in June.

No definite dates at the moment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

CLONDROHID G.A.A RUN FOR PIETA JUNE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND: This run was launched last year amongst the GAA Community, and created a great sense of togetherness during a Summer of separation due to Covid.

This year Pieta opened the Run4Pieta 2021 to all GAA clubs as a 50/50 shared fundraising event, but courtesy of Clondrohid GAA club, Clondrohid Community Hall has been nominated as the beneficiary. What a wonderful gesture in these unprecedented times.

Run 4 Pieta also creates awareness of looking after our mental health and opening up about our problems. Pieta provides a Free service and no referral is necessary.

So please spread the word within the club, the county, the country and beyond..

The Adult Junior teams are running in every town land in the parish to raise funds for this cause on roads that were probably discovered during Lockdown !!!

The running track will be open with lights on for 24 hours from 10am on Sat June 5 to 10am on Sunday June 6. E Mail booking for running track cch.pieta@gmail.com password Clondrohid 2021. Volunteers will be needed to attend running track, and monitor e mails to book slots. You can donate directly to Pieta by going to www.idonate.ie/clondrohidgaa984.

For all those taking part, organisers are asking for €20 upwards as a donation. Anyone not taking part please donate as generously as you can either through the link or at local outlets where buckets will be available.

CLONDROHID DEV GROUP: The container for the newly installed dog poo bags is on the wall on the right hand side as you go up to the pitch / Clann Aire. Please follow instructions.

Complaints were received by the Group of dogs poo on the footpaths etc. so hopefully this facility will help.

Remember it would be great if you could take the full bag home with you to dispose of, but if this is not possible every time, please put it in the rubbish bins,

Let's all work together to keep village clean and tidy.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION BORD: As mentioned before, this excellent facility is coming to Clondrohid again.

Mark the dates in your calendar

Tues, Wed., and Thurs., July 20 to July 22 from 1.30pm on each day until 10.30pm approx.

CLONDROHID OLD SCHOOL: The Parish Property

Council met recently to discuss ideas on what best plans for the old school. They decided to send out a single survey sheet to every household in the parish by post.. Please complete and return ASAP. Spare copies of survey can be got at both sacristies. Your input to this survey is very important.

MUINLIUCH NS PARENTS ASSOC CLOTHING COLLECTION: They have been collecting over the past few weeks, and this Fri May 28 is the last day.

De clutter and recycle any unwanted clothes etc. Accepted Items include, Mens, womens and childrens clothing, handbags, belts, shorts, curtains, bed linen, towels, blankets, and soft toys, NO to Pillows and Duvets.

GAA LOTTO: Results for May 12

€70 John McSweeney Coolnadane

€20 Martin and Paul c/o MCP, Nora O'Donovan Bandon, Joan O'Riordan Dan Corkery Place, Sheena O'Driscoll Drimoleague.

Results for May 19. This weeks jackpot €13,000

€70 Mary Cooney Greyhound Bar Macroom

€20 Martin & Yvonne O'Mahony Glenties, Maria Spillane Moulnahorna, Maria, Claire, and Jack Laine Bar, Trevor Spillane c/o Spillanes.

KILMURRY

Independence Museum Kilmurphy

Independence Museum Kilmurphy is now open again. Opening hours are 2-5pm, Thurs to Sunday. Entry fee is €5, free to members.

The Annual General Meeting of the Kilmurphy Historical & Archaeological Association will take place on 23rd June at 8pm, in The Heritage Room , independence Museum Kilmurphy, and also online via Google meets using the following link : <https://meet.google.com/dmf-qfzt-kxc>

Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

It's been just over two weeks since Ballyvourney Library re-opened to the public having been closed since the beginning of the year in line with government restrictions. It's been a fantastic few weeks. It's been so lovely to have people coming through the door again. It's great to welcome back old customers and we've even signed up some new customers, who are very welcome. What I can't get over is how tall and grown up so many of the junior members have become, and how long everyone's hair got!!

It lovely to see the neighbouring business opening up again too. My neighbours in Sheila & Martina's Hair Salon have been very busy sorting out the hair for many people and my upstairs neighbour, Aine's Beauty Suite, has been providing the essential and necessary pampering that our skin, nails etc require. It's great to see them all passing the window as they head to work again – it had become quite lonely here in Ballyvourney library without seeing them for so long. With any luck my other upstairs neighbour, Yoga with Yana, will be able to open in the near future and then we literally will have a full house.

So, what's new in the library? Well, there has been a recent delivery of some lovely stock for the junior section, catering from the very youngest members right up to our young adult readers. In addition, we've had some new arrivals in the adult fiction section including favourite authors, bestsellers, and award winners. Our national request facility is also available again so if what you are looking for isn't in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne we can request it for you from any other public library in the country that has it in stock. We also have a wide range of non-fiction books for all ages covering many and varied topics from nature to cooking,

history to languages, science to art – too many topics to mention! So please call in, don't forget your mask, please sanitise your hands as you enter and practice social distancing during you visit. It's wonderful to be able to welcome you all back and please spread the word that Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne is open again.

For those who are interested in our Bookmark Design Competition the closing date of 29th May is coming up fast so make sure you get your entry in on time, we are looking forward to seeing all of your ideas. The Bookmark Design Competition is for primary school children. The theme is: "My Favourite Book Character goes on holiday". There will be four prize categories: age 5 & under/6-8 years/ 9-12 years and children with special needs. You can print off the template and entry form from our Facebook page or you can get it in the library. You can return the completed entry to the library or alternatively you can scan it and email it to: schools.library@corkcoco.ie There are lots of great prizes to be won and the winning designs will be announced by the wonderful Basher Bacon during the Cruinniú na nÓg celebrations on YouTube on June 12th. Cruinniú na nÓg is a day of creativity for children and young people. We will be launching our series of Summer Arts activities then too so there will be loads going on to keep our young patrons busy during the summer months including the very popular Summer Stars Reading Programme.

We are all looking forward to the Summer Stars Reading Programme which is going ahead this year from June to August. We will be encouraging all children in Cork County to sign up, read and take part in the wonderful series of events during the summer holidays. Each child who registers for the

Summer Stars Programme will receive a bookmark, pencil and reading card, that they can fill out as they read during the summer. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and posters on library windows. Táimid go léir ag tnúth go mór leis an gClár Léitheoireachta Réaltaí Samhraidh a bheidh ar siúl i mbliana ó Mheitheamh go Lúnasa. Beimid ag spreagadh gach leanbh i gContae Chorcaí chun clárú, léamh agus bheith páirteach sa tsraith iontach imeachtaí i rith laethanta saoire an tsamhraidh. Gheobhaidh gach leanbh a chláraíonn don Chlár Réaltaí Samhraidh leabharharc, peann lauidhe agus cárta léitheoireachta, ar féidir leo a líonadh agus iad ag léamh i rith an tsamhraidh. Coinnigh síúil amach ar ár leathanach Facebook agus póstaear ar fhuinneoga na leabharlainne.

Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne - amanna oscailte Ballyvourney Library – opening hours
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The last 12 months have been very challenging for all of us especially for sporting clubs.

We have all had a very challenging 12 months - sports clubs and players particularly. Club support and teams provide such an important outlet for the physical and mental wellbeing of people of all ages in communities all over the country.

In recognition of the times we are in, this year we (Pieta) are opening Run4Pieta 2021 to all GAA clubs as a 50/50 shared fundraising event. This will give clubs the opportunity to raise much needed funds for their club, courtesy of this club its going to be, CLONDROHID COMMUNITY HALL, as well as supporting Pieta. Run4Pieta will also create awareness of looking after our mental health and opening up about our problems. Pieta provides a FREE service and no referral is required for people who need help.

We are asking you to get involved with your club and many others in your county and country and Run4Pieta.



The JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM are running every townland in the parish to raise funds.

The RUNNING TRACK will be open and lights on for 24hrs, 10.00am on Saturday June 5th until 10.00am Sunday June 6th, if you wish to attend.

BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT ON THE RUNNING TRACK IN ADVANCE.

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Granny's Special Delivery

Last year's lockdown was a time for many people to use enforced leisure time to pursue their dreams and goals, learn new skills, clear out the junk in the attic or simply read novels and watch films on Netflix.

It was no different for James Kelly, formerly of Barrett's Place, Macroom and now based in Carrigaline. James had been planning and procrastinating for nearly 30 years to write a children's book about his daughter Aisling's imagined adventures in a fun filled epic journey from London to a remote part of Ireland.

Living in London with her family, Aisling, aged 5, really missed her Granny Nora Coughlan, late of Coolehane and Chapel Hill. She always enjoyed visiting for holidays in the summer but was so sad to leave her when it was time to go home. So, one day Aisling decided to find her way back to her Granny! At this point truth departs and fiction takes over in a gentle fantasy as James imagines how exactly she achieves her dream.

Granny's Special Delivery tells the story of Aisling's adventures along the way, from London to the pretty thatched cottage in Ireland where Granny lived. Making friends with a mischievous mouse along the way, they share an unforgettable adventure with a happy ending.

Someone once said that the best stories are about journeys and arriving at a destination. This is a heartwarming tale about the love between grandchildren and their grandparents and is very appropriate and touching at this time of pandemic where there is so much isolation in families and where hugging is forbidden.



James's five-year-old grandson Lachlan suggested some very sensible changes to the first draft of the book and is now happy with the final version.

The grown-up Aisling is of course best known locally as a nutritional therapist and member of Carrigaline Musical Society. Her Granny Nora passed away in 2017 at the grand age of 96 and is now immortalized in the book.

James has already received requests for a version in Irish and has started the translation process. He has also hinted about negotiations for the movie rights...

He has committed to donating from proceeds of sale to the Heart Angel charity based in Carrigaline and set up by Eoin and Irene O'Connor in memory of their beloved daughter Beibhinn, who sadly passed away last year.

Beautifully illustrated by talented Carrigaline artist Rita Dineen, in her distinctive, imaginative style, this book appeals to all ages.

Granny's Special Delivery has just been launched and will be available to buy for €10 in the following places:

- Cooney's Bookshop, Unit 3 and 5, The Mall South Square
- Fitzgerald's Bookshop, Railway View
- Vibes and Scribes, 21 Lavitt's Quay, Cork
- Carrigaline Bookshop, Main Street, Carrigaline

It is also available online on <https://printmybook.com/shop/category/children-s-books/product/1009>
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Aisling and Granny Nora



FOUR GENERATIONS.
From left Aisling Liadh Teresa and Nora

UIBH LAOIRE

HISTORICAL MAP

A map, giving the locations and information of points of special interest in the village of Inchigeela and surrounds, is being compiled at present. The finished work will be available on the new local web site and may also be available in pamphlet form. The compilers are anxious to get as much data as possible from local sources and from people who have left the area and who may have memories and knowledge and old photos which would be of interest. Contact any one in Croi na Laoi.

TIDY TOWNS WORK

The tidy towns competition will take place as usual, (even though not quite as usual this

year). The areas will be judged and marked from information and photos sent to the judging panels. So it is still important to add to the good work already done. Flowers and shrubs cost a lot of money so if there is anyone willing to take on an area, no matter how small, or to donate plants or money, it will be gratefully accepted. Many favourable compliments have been paid to the parish villages, so let's keep up the good work.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Ballingeary historians have begun a project of identifying and mapping all the archaeological sites and points of historical interest in the area. They are seeking help with the lesser-known sites

and would be glad of your input. Contact Cumann Staire or Coiste Forbartha.

"I hear lake water lapping"

The report that the water condition on the local rivers and lakes has deteriorated in recent times didn't surprise anybody. Like all Irish rivers, ours couldn't escape pollution and nutrient damage even if the damage being done is slight, we hear. The recent Zoom meeting of interested locals and reps from the authorities did not have great answers and many were disappointed with the lack of clarity on what the next step is. It will take a strong concerted and determined effort on the part of all interested parties to return the water condition to what it used to be.



5th and 6th class pupils from Muinefliuch NS litter picking during the spring clean



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The Tailor and Ansty *By Kathy O'Sullivan*



The Tailor, Tadhg Ó Buachalla and Ansty (née McCarthy)



Gougane Barra (Source: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/everettpotter/2018/02/11/gougane-barra-a-very-irish-hotel-in-the-wilds-of-county-cork/>)

'It is a strange but true thing, that the worse the Government the more Acts of Parliament they pass.' – Tadhg Ó Buachalla, quoted in *The Tailor and Ansty*.

From the 1920s, when The Committee of Enquiry on Evil Literature and a censorship board were established, in addition to a censorship law being enacted, to the late 1960s, one of the harshest censorship systems in the world held sway in Ireland. So many literary greats were banned (for example, Ernest Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*, Graham Greene's *Brighton Rock* and Aldous Huxley's *A Brave New World*) that the blacklist was nicknamed *Everyman's Guide to the Classics*.

For many Irish authors, being banned became almost more important than being published! Among the Irish writers who found themselves censored were luminaries such as Samuel Beckett, Edna O'Brien, Frank O'Connor, Seán Ó Faoláin and George Bernard Shaw. The issue of censorship became the centre of a conversation about Irish national identity, an attempt by the authorities to decide what image they would portray to the world. In 1942, one text in particular sparked a nationwide controversy, namely *The Tailor and Ansty*, by Eric Cross. A collection of the popular stories of a free-thinking seanchaí (storyteller) and tailor, Tadhg Ó Buachalla, who lived in Garrynapeaka, Gougane Barra, the book's publication in 1942 provoked an acrimonious four-day debate in Seanad Éireann, Ireland's upper house.

What made this case so controversial was that the author, Eric Cross, largely disappeared from the debate, and instead it was Tadhg (Tim) and his wife Ansty (Anastasia) who ended up at the centre of the storm, condemned as examples of 'sores of moral leprosy' not just for the stories themselves but for the ideas these stories apparently projected about life in rural Ireland. The book was banned by the strict Irish Censorship Board for 'being in its general tendency indecent'.

The book has since become a classic of folkloric literature, being adapted for stage, radio and screen. It was written, unbeknownst to the couple, by a regular visitor to their house, a journalist, Eric Cross, and included many of the Tailor's stories of everyday happenings in their lives and other anecdotes. The Tailor's motto was 'Glac bó ag saol agus glacfaidh an saol bó thú' (Take life fine and aisy and life will be fine and aisy on you).

Tadhg Ó Buachalla (Tim Buckley), was born December 23rd, 1862, in Lounihan, Kilgarvan, Co Kerry, seventh of 13 children. At the age of nine he suffered a form of infantile paralysis that left him dependent on a walking stick. He began to train as

a tailor in 1875, having left primary school, serving a five-year apprenticeship in Kenmare, Co Kerry, before moving to Cork city, where he remained for the next 14 years. He also spent time in Scotland, Dublin, Mallow, Co Cork, and Achill, Co Mayo before returning to Cork, where in 1903 he married Anastasia (Ansty) McCarthy. He married into Ansty's homeplace. They settled in Gougane Barra, Co Cork, and had two sons.

A fluent Irish speaker, along with Ansty, Buckley was a renowned storyteller, with a particular expertise in Irish language and folklore. Visitors to his cottage included Frank O'Connor, who described him as 'a rural Dr. Johnson' (referring to Samuel Johnson, the 18th century English writer), and Sean Ó Faolain. Many famous Irish writers and Irish language scholars visited him in the whitewashed cottage:

'Across the door of Garrynapeaka there is another world, where values are different, where there is still a zest for the details of living; where time no longer matters; where there is much laughter and little harm; and mixed with the laughter, wisdom and a fresh sense of reality, a man is judged by himself alone, and not by his position or title, or his own sense of self-importance.'

One of those visitors was a man from the County Down called Eric Cross (1905 – 1980). Eric was a regular visitor, a good listener and observer – and wrote down much of what he saw and heard. The published result was met with wholesale approval by the Tailor and Ansty, for whom political correctness was never a concern, and whose often-bawdy conversation merely reflected everyday observations of the time: 'There was poetry in the old days, and there were more poets and better poets'. In the days before radio and television ('People are mad to be reading newspapers, and I don't know why, for all they do is soften a man's brain so that he can't think for himself'), their home was an 'open house', with a ready welcome for visitors who called in the evenings, entertainment with song and story, and with refreshments, comprising tea or something stronger, provided by Ansty.

The Tailor was an acute observer of human nature and society in general. Descriptions of the rituals of weddings, wakes and fodeens (hedge schools) that the tailor himself attended are invaluable insights into life in rural Ireland in days gone by, as well as entertaining: 'You have met a man who has lived to the utmost within his limits. A man who has grown and learned and become wise and splendidly tolerant and full of a sense of fun.'

As the Tailor and Ansty were quite elderly and retired at the time Eric Cross knew them, both were

very much set in their ways and, after over forty years of married life, had a well-worn routine of banter and affection that leaps off the page:

'People do be thinking that the life in the country is dull, and they are wrong. If a man knows the place where he is, and takes an interest in the place where he is, he can never be dull. If a man knows the people about him, as you do come to know them after years, he can never be dull at his own fireside.'

Eric Cross published the bones of what was to become *The Tailor and Ansty*, in 1941, in *The Bell* magazine, a project led by Sean Ó Faolain and Frank O'Connor, two writers who had fought in both the Irish War of Independence and the Civil War that followed it. The book was published in 1942.

'A man meets what is coming to him and he cannot avoid it.' A rural Irish (and Irish language) tradition of earthy language proved too much for the Censorship Board, and a heated four-day debate in the Seanad ensued in November and December 1942. Ireland was unusually aware of censorship during World War II. The government established a special office of censorship and imposed a series of strict regulations on the media. It seemed everything was censored, from weather reports to any mention of the thousands of Irish men and women serving with the Allies, to films and newsreels, to newspapers, magazines and books. This period of war even had its own euphemism, officially referred to in Ireland as 'the Emergency'. With book burning taking place in Europe at the time, the Seanad debate needs to be understood with the Emergency as a backdrop. The controversy illuminates a time in which the Irish people were acutely aware that they were not being told the whole story. Parts of the Seanad debate were struck from the record because they contained quotes from the book made by Sir John Keane, the only figure in the Seanad to defend the book. The wider debate concerned the activities of the then 'Free State Board of Book Censors', and Keane's motion was defeated on a vote by 34–2. The book was deemed 'indecent' and not long afterwards three priests arrived at the Buckley house, forcing an 80 year old Tadhg on his knees to burn his only



Eric Cross

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copy of the book, of which he and Ansty were proud, in his own fireplace: *By the mockstick of war! it's no wonder that there is trouble in the world; and that there will be until the people get a bit of sense and a bit less education, and do a bit of thinking for themselves..'*

This forced the controversy into the local community. Some suggested that the couple were boycotted, though the reality is more complex, and what was more likely was that some people initially stayed away because they didn't know what to do. They knew what had happened to the delightful old couple was wrong, yet were fearful of going against authority. Others were staunch supporters of the couple. Neighbour of the couple Micheal Ó Muimhneachain said in a TV documentary in the 1960s/1970s: 'It never happened. He was never boycotted. He was always held in the highest esteem by the local people.' He acknowledged that a few people may have been irritated over the remarks that were made but is adamant there was

no boycott. The tailor's son, Jackie, also interviewed in the programme, said there was 'not a bit' of hostility.

The only thing that can be said for certain is that the whole censorship episode and its aftermath must have been as traumatic as it was incomprehensible for an elderly couple in their final years. In this respect, the condemnation of the free-thinking attitude of the warm-hearted and mischievous Tailor and Ansty was really one of the first disquieting signals of the potential for abuse of power by the national government.

The couple didn't live to see the ban on the book be overturned. Tadhg died on April 21st, 1945, with Ansty following two years later. Both are buried side by side in the old graveyard near Saint Finbarr's Oratory in Gougane Barra. The headstone was made by their sculptor friend Séamus Murphy. Frank O'Connor wrote the short epitaph that adorns it: *'A star danced and under that was I born.'*



Burial place of The Tailor and Ansty, Gougane Barra

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CLOUGHDUV 150 YEARS

By Michael Goulding



Kitty Buckley, Bernie Dinneen, Pat Buckley, Colette Buckley, Aoife Madden and Vera Harte; 3 generations of Buckleys who got married in Cloughduv Church. ©Peter Scanlan



Pat O'Rourke who painted all the windows in Cloughduv Church in 1957 and John O'Mahony whose Grandfather drew stones for the building of the church. ©Peter Scanlan



Martina Moynihan, Ann Morrissey, Canon Bernard Donovan and Tessie Buckley, who will this year celebrate 50 years as Sacristan at Cloughduv Church. ©Peter Scanlan

This month sees the 150th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of St. Joseph's Church Cloughduv which occurred on the 21st May 1871. It was the third church to be built in the parish in 12 years, St. Mary's Kilmurry in 1860 by Canon John Daly, PP and St. John's Canovee in 1869 by Canon John Foley, PP who was also responsible for Cloughduv. The church was built at what was then known as Ahanduff Crossroads on a site donated by the Rye family of Ryecourt. The previous church is believed to have been a wooden structure of which no trace remains today. Canon Foley was said to be the architect of this church with the design influenced by Kilcrea Abbey, some three miles to the east, in which Canon Foley's family had been buried for generations. There are some similarities, particularly the three arches either side of the nave are similar to the arches in the nave of Kilcrea. While the 19th century saw hundreds of Catholic churches built all over Ireland, there was criticism at the time of the amount of imported material being used in some of them. This was not the case at Cloughduv where most of the materials were sourced locally, with the stone coming from the Aherla quarry which had also supplied stone for the building of Cork Courthouse in 1828 and St. Patrick's Church Dunmanway in 1834. Timber for the roof, etc most likely came from the woods of Ryecourt or Warrenscourt which had a sawmill on site. The Cork-Macroom railway, which had opened in 1866, was used to bring men and materials for the church.

Although most names of the people who worked there are lost to history, one man's name is very

well known. John Sisk, then a young man with a premises at St. Finbarr's Place, Cork, supplied and laid the original tiles in the church. He would go on to build over thirty churches before his death in 1921 and his company became one of the best known in Ireland and abroad. Due to the presence of so many limestone quarries and the existing craft of headstone carving, there can be no doubt that the Lynch, O'Mahony, Kearney and Hickey families were involved in the stone carving, with Hickey's the best known still in this craft today. Of the three stained glass windows behind the altar, the two outer windows were donated by John Barry Murphy of Glenville, Farnanes, one time Governor of Cork Prison 1856 – 1873. The centre window is in memory of Michael Foley of Coolmakee, Canon Foley's brother. The original altar was donated by Patrick and Mary Howard of Brinny Mill. This was replaced in 1977 by a new altar to allow the priest to face the congregation while celebrating Mass. This altar was donated by Michael and Rita O'Sullivan of Cloughduv and is the work of Noel Hickey and Donie Healy and was fitted by Michael Dineen.

A custom in many 19th century churches was to have a statue of St. Patrick and a statue of a local saint. In St. Joseph's the second saint is St. Aedh, founder of Kilbrennan Abbey and both are represented either side of the altar. Almost as imposing as the church itself is the monument to the right of the main door to Canon John O'Mahony who had succeeded Canon Foley in 1893 and who died in 1912. Canon O'Mahony had nominated Charles Stewart Parnell for the general election of 1880 while he was a curate in the South Parish. His fellow curate there,

Fr. Denis McCarthy, seconded the nomination. As censure for this, Canon O'Mahony was transferred to Kinsale. Canon O'Mahony also wrote 'A History of the O'Mahony Septs' detailing the story of the O'Mahony Clan and was a founder member of the Cork Historical & Archaeological Society. Following his death, a meeting was held to erect a suitable monument to him and the best sculptor in Cork, Michael McNamara, won a competition to carve the statue. It was paid for by public subscription and donors from all over Ireland are to be found amongst the subscribers. Locally, however, the joy of giving gave rise to an amusing anecdote told to me by John O'Mahony of Parkmore, who recalls in his youth hearing of one man who said, 'I hope the next man brings his headstone with him.' John's grandfather was one of the men that used his horse and cart to transport the stone from Aherla to Cloughduv. The church was joined in the following years by the school in 1887, creamery 1892 and Eugene Kelleher's shop and Cloughduv GAA pitch, all essential parts of any rural village. No matter how rural a place is, however, events of national and international relevance can intrude. After midday Mass on Sunday 5th March 1916, a recruitment meeting was held outside the church to encourage local men to enlist in the British Army. Local landowner, Charles Harold, J.P. addressed the crowd telling the assembly how the cruel Germans had levelled Catholic churches in Belgium. A voice in the crowd replied, 'yes, like Cromwell did!!' During the hunger strike of Terence MacSwiney, masses were said for his release and recovery. On the night of August 22nd 1922, the body of General

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Michael Collins was brought to Cloughduv for the last rites en route to Cork. Michael Galvin's account in *The Way We Were* published in 2020, explains that fateful day and the visit of Collins party to Cloughduv.

By the late 1950s, the church had been in use almost 90 years, so some major renovations were needed. The work commenced after Christmas 1956 during which Masses were held in the nearby creamery and Kevin Walsh recalls his class getting their first communion in the sacristy, while Jim Holland remembers, as a young boy, Mass in the creamery store where his father, Jack, worked as a driver during the week. Local builder, the late Danny Daly, carried out the work which included dry lining, painting and other maintenance. Pat O'Rourke worked for Danny at the time and recalls some of the tasks he carried out, such as painting the wrought ironwork on top of the church roof. His mother, on her way to Kelleher's Shop, wouldn't look up at him such was the height, but Pat would call out to her to bring him up an ice cream! Another job Pat did, with Danny Madden, was to clean out the belfry where there was a large pile of debris including sticks, nylon stockings

and pages of copybooks brought there by crows over the decades. It took two days to clean it out. Other tradesmen working there were Joe Murphy of Lissarda and Den 'The Mason' Murphy of Ballymichael and the Hurley brothers from Farnanes, Dan, Pat and Hubie.

My own earliest memory of St. Joseph's is my first communion in May 1969. Our teacher, Mary Healy (nee O'Rourke who hailed all the way from Co. Leitrim) put us through our paces using wafers to practice with. Later, I spent several years as an altar boy and recall using the long taper to light the very high candles on the old altar, a nerve-wracking task which took a good bit of practice. Tessie Buckley was sacristan then, as she remains today, and will have 50 years' service completed by February 2022. Over those many years she has carried out her duties with quiet efficiency, always there for help and advice and a reassuring presence at all times, late and early, at all occasions, happy and sad. Also, with over 50 years' service as a collector, is Dan O'Donovan of Coolmakee. Ringing the bell is a task that has in recent years become automated in most churches except for funerals. Pat Buckley, who lives nearby, rang the bell as a schoolboy. The routine

was three rings of three and one continuous of nine. Pat has a limestone block recovered during building work some years ago which was meant for use during the building of the church. Pat's neighbour, Jim Kidney, was also a bell ringer for many years.

At the time of the 100th Anniversary in May 1971, the late and great local historian, Nora O'Leary of Kilcondy, wrote in the *Canovee Historical Journal*, the following:

'Thoughts sped back on the swift wings of time to another day one hundred years ago when an oppressed people assembled for the dedication of St. Joseph's church. Pride in their memory welled up in the heart, as the tricolour, symbol of the freedom for which, they had striven, billowed its green, white and gold in the Summer breeze. The century was eloquently bridged, past and present meetings in the homily delivered by a native son, Rev. D. O'Callaghan.'

On this, the 150th Anniversary, due to Covid regulations, no commemoration can be held at this time but, hopefully, will at a later date.



Some Turf "Box Footed", while more is still drying out.



Turf is now ready to bring home.



Sleans, Hayknife, and Pikes now items for the Museum!!

Saving the Turf in Ancient Tradition

By PO'C

The farthest back memory in my head is all of nearly 70 years ago, travelling with other members of our family to the Bog. There we cut and saved the Turf at the far end of our farm on the bank of the little river that flowed gently along to divide townlands of Liscarrigane and Danganasillagh on one side and our own beloved Barathanaknuck on the other. It was an age-old tradition. We heated our home and cooked our food using Turf taken from the Bog as fuel.

The Turf was cut from the Bog using a two-sided spade called a "Sleán". My entire family helped to cut and save the Turf. Saving the Turf involved turning each "Sod" of Turf to ensure that the sun and the wind would help with the drying process. The Turf was then placed upright or "Footed" for further drying. Footing the Turf was a back breaking job and involved placing five or six Sods of Turf upright leaning against each other. The Turf could also be "Box-Footed" by placing the first two Sods flat on a dry patch of ground and the next two Sods directly across them and so on. Finally, the Turf was brought home and stored in sheds or "Ricks".

Our farmyard was a hive of activity during the turf cutting and saving season. The milking of the cows which was done by hand commenced at the crack of dawn. My father then made the six-mile round trip to the creamery while we prepared the necessary implements required for the day. We gathered our two Sleáns, Hay Pikes and Hay-Knife while my mother prepared slices of freshly baked brown bread and butter with a "Sweet Gallon of Tea" to make sure we were not hungry. "Sliced pans and sandwiches were a rare commodity in those times".

We travelled the half mile journey to the Bog courtesy of our horse and cart. The horse was then untackled out for the cart and left to graze for the day. Now it was time for the serious work to begin. With the use of the Hay-Knife my father cut off the "Scrow" or top of the Bog and this was neatly placed in the boghole to ensure that the surface was replaced after the Turf was extracted. The real work then began. Each Sod of Turf was cut and placed on the bank for us eager workers to spread

it around evenly using our Pike and sometimes our bare hands. There were no gloves in those days and blisters were the order of the day. We all liked our work as we basked in the glorious sunshine and the wide-open air as the birds sang sweetly and the stream made little noise as it meandered along gently below.

Before long we all had built up a healthy appetite and we enjoyed our tea-break and a well-earned rest. Tea and freshly baked brown bread in the Bog surpasses all delicacies with the sun high in the sky and the fresh air in our nostrils. Very soon it was back to work, and we all continued to enjoy our various roles. Finally, at around 6pm it was time to pack up all our equipment and return to the farmyard as the cows had to be milked before we retired for the night.

After a week or two the Turf was "Turned Over" to dry out and later "Footed" before it was brought home. This was done by fitting "Cribs" to the horse cart and the loads of Turf were finally stored in the turf shed to provide heating and cooking for the long Winter months.

Much has changed over the passing of time. The Turf is now taken from the Bog by machine and loaded into a "Hopper" which spreads it out in long sausage type rows. However, the saving of the Turf still requires lots of work and good weather. The number of people now harvesting Turf at the Bog is decreasing each year. Some say it's a change for the better - I wonder!!!!

In the coming Summer months we hope to again "Save the Turf", perhaps for the final time. It is already cut by machine and neatly spread in rows each measuring approximately seventy meters in length. The trusty horse and cart with Sleán and Hay-knife are confined to display in the local museum. However, I still recall with great joy those happy days Saving the Turf in our Bog on the bank of that stream or little river, so aptly described by Margaret O Leary, sister of on tAthair Peadar O'Laoire in her poem "Liscarrigane", which she wrote when living in Boston at the age of 84 years.

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From Gloundav's lonesome glen
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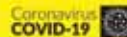
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PICTURE PARADE



4th Class pupils who took part in 4 weeks of tag rugby with Will Shubart from Munster Rugby.



New mural inside Castle Gates depicting in the centre the Castle in its pomp, about 1890, right the Castle burning in 1922 during the Irish Civil War and left, the Castle being demolished in 1967; The oldest photo is from the Lawrence collection, probably Paddy O'Keefe took the 1922 shot and Dennis Dinneen took the original 1967 photo. L-R are Seán Buckley and his dog, Cormac Shields, artist, Denis Reardon, Artist and Lawrence Dinneen, son of Dennis Dinneen whose photo is depicted in the mural. (Con Kelleher)



Pictured at Macroom golf club drive in May 16th 2021 which is later than usual owing to Covid 19 lockdown. President Tom Fitzgerald, Lady President Eileen Kelly, Captain Alan O'Sullivan and Lady Captain Noreen O'Sullivan.



Grace Hoare from Ballyvourney was one of our winners for Macroom Library Christmas Colouring Competition. This competition was on hold due to the Lockdown.



Pupils from the Junior room in Muinefliuch NS role playing the supermarket



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MACROOM SOCCER

Lotto Returning....Again.

The Macroom FC weekly Lotto draw will resume from 14 June next. Tickets will be available shortly in the usual outlets. Online tickets are also available and can be purchased at the Macroom FC Facebook page, on the club website www.macroomfc.ie and also through the clubforce app. The club is really hoping that this restart will be the last one and that some degree of normality will continue to emerge as the summer progresses. Getting our lottery back is another important step and we are sure the excellent support we always receive from the public will once again be forthcoming.

RETURN TO PLAY.

The recent return to training has given everyone at the club an enormous boost. Our club grounds at Murrayfield and the Town Park have seen the return to action in all kinds of weather. The enthusiasm of the boys, girls and coaches has

been brilliant to see. Our Youth and adult sides also got back to training and this has been going superbly well for all teams.

A few seasons back there was an interesting debate around calendar year football. While it ultimately never really got a chance, it appears 'summer soccer' will certainly be played this year. Grassroots leagues across Ireland are currently preparing for the return of games. From Jun 7th onwards there will be a huge amount of fixtures that will be played up and down the country during June and July. The alternative was to wait and restart the new season in August/September - realistically this was never going to happen. Why? Because the struggle since March 2020 has had such a massive impact on people. All of a sudden, the importance of sport as a release and a social outlet has never been greater.

Many players will have busy schedules with an involvement in any number of sports throughout

this coming summer. This has to be viewed as a positive thing at this stage because getting players out playing and being active should now be the main priority. Also, all the people involved in various club committees can get back to meeting, planning and talking. People's mental health has taken an absolute battering throughout this pandemic. This summer is surely a time for everyone to embrace their sports and interests in whatever way they can. And a crucial exercise we can all take part in is to simply look out for one another.

Best of luck to all Macroom FC players, coaches, committee members and supporters as we look forward to an exciting and fulfilling summer ahead. The club also wish good luck to the many businesses who have or are due to re-open their doors. Macroom FC would also encourage our supporters to always endeavour to support our club sponsors.

TOM CREEDON CUP 2021

The Tom Creedon Cup 2021 was launched on Thursday 20th May in the Castle Grounds Macroom. The competition is a fitting tribute to Tom who tragically passed away in 1983.

Tom graced the field at every level for Macroom and Cork until his untimely passing and both Conor Counihan and Colman Corrigan who are ambassadors for this year's competition spoke of the esteem in which they hold his memory and how they were delighted to see this great competition live on and get stronger every year. Tom Creedon Junior and Tom's wife Marian were also in attendance at the launch, and Tom Junior speaking on behalf of the Creedon family thanked the Macroom club for continuing to so proudly honour his memory and that he looks forward every year to the competition which honours his father.

Following these speeches, the draw was completed and overseen by Donie McSweeney of Cork County Board.

This year sees a new group format with four groups of four teams. Each team competing is guaranteed three games with the top team in each group advancing to the semi-finals, with the final pencilled in for August 07th in Macroom. Group 1 consists of Macroom, Kiskeam, Béal Áthan Ghairthaidh and Millstreet

Group 2 consists of Ballincollig, Mallow, Kilshannig and Glanmire.

Group 3 consists of Carbery Rangers, O'Donovan Rossa, Knocknagree and Castletownbere.

Group 4 consists of Douglas, St. Michaels, Kinsale and Adrigole.

Group games commence on Saturday 12th June and the full schedule is attached in an excel document. We have also attached pictures from the launch and would appreciate whatever coverage you can give the competition throughout its run."

It is great to be contacting our members now as Summer is here and GAA is back! The club wanted to reach out to you with some club updates:

JUVENILE TRAINING

Our underage teams returned to training in the last month and it has been wonderful to see the youth of Macroom back kicking a ball. A huge thank you goes out to all our underage coaches who have been so organised in getting

everything ready in tandem with the club officers. It is also great to see our older players getting involved with coaching the teams.

As a reminder we have underage training from under 5 brilliantly looked after by Brendan O'Connell right up to under 18.

If you know any child or their parent living in the parish of Macroom and they are not sure how to get involved can they please reach out to our Juvenile Chairman Mark O'Sullivan 0879803311 or our Coaching Committee Chairman Alan O'Shea on 0877973820 and they will direct you to the relevant team manager - remember if someone lives in the parish of Macroom we are their club and would be delighted to welcome them.

We would encourage all our underage managers for the rest of the year to provide our PRO Sarah Horgan with match reports, team lists and photos to this email address pro.macroom.cork@gaa.ie

We wish all our underage teams every success and enjoyment for the coming year.

REBEL BOUNTY

The club would like to express our sincere gratitude to everybody who was extremely generous in their support of the Rebel Bounty Draw. These much-needed funds get reinvested in the club and are vital to us to put our teams on the pitches so thank you again.

To reinforce the clubs gratitude the club will hold six internal draws for a €100 prize for all rebel bounty members for the rest of the year so keep an eye on our facebook and twitter for further details on that.

Finally, a huge thank you also to our Rebel Bounty Committee who worked tirelessly to produce such a fantastic result.

ADULT FOOTBALL

Our adult footballers from u21, Junior C, Junior B and Intermediate returned to the pitch last week to training and will continue to train hard until matches return on Monday June 07th.

Our intermediate footballers will open their League Cup campaign away to Kanturk on

Monday June 07th at a time yet to be confirmed. Our Junior B's will start their campaign with a home league game v Uíbh Laoire on June 14th, our Junior C's will kick off their season with an away league game on June 20th v Naomh Abán. And finally our u21s will start their championship campaign on Friday July 02nd against a yet to be determined opponent.

We wish all our adult teams the best of luck for the coming year.

TOM CREEDON CUP 2021

The Tom Creedon Cup 2021 competition will be launched this Thursday evening 20th May by our chairman Noel Twomey and our ambassadors for the competition this year Conor Counihan and Colman Corrigan. These three men along with our club President Pat O'Connell will carry out the draw this Thursday evening which is eagerly anticipated by all sixteen teams who have entered. We also will as always be honoured to have members of the Creedon family involved throughout the competition.

This year sees a new format with four groups of four meaning all teams entered will get a guaranteed three games. The games will be played on hurling league weekends and features teams from Lower Intermediate to Premier Senior.

The full list of 16 teams who have entered are as follows: Macroom, Douglas, Carbery Rangers, Ballincollig, Knocknagree, O'Donovan Rossa, Kiskeam, St. Michaels, Adrigole, Castletownbere, Kinsale, Millstreet, Mallow, Kilshannig, Béal Áhan Ghaorthaidh and Glanmire.

The opening group game will take place on the weekend of June 12th.

We would like to sincerely thank Macroom Bookshop for coming on board as sponsors again this year, the Fitzgerald family have been consistently brilliant supporters of this competition.

Full details of the draw will be up on our social media from Thursday night onwards. We wish all entered teams the best of luck.



DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

A massive well done to our u12 footballers who raised €350 for Pieta House last Saturday by training at the very early hour of 7:30 - a great initiative so well done to all involved.

CLUB REFEREES

Our two inter county referees David Murnane and John Ryan kicked off their national league campaign for the current season last weekend and we wish them luck for the rest of the year.

FLYING THE GAA FLAG ABROAD

Well done to James O'Connell who has been elected to the role of Juvenile Development Officer of the Middle East GAA County Board. James and Eoin O'Mahony continue to proudly fly the flag for us coaching and playing with Jumeriah Gaels.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Our brilliant membership officer Lynda O'Keefe has been doing a great job of getting everybody signed up in the last couple of months in tandem with our registrar Dan Cronin, if you have yet to join for the year you can do so at the following link:

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Saturday June 26th at Limerick: Limerick v Waterford 3pm QF

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Saturday July 10th at Limerick if Cork v Limerick: in Cork if Cork v Waterford 3pm SF

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Cork.

Semi-finals: Limerick or Tipperary v Clare; Waterford or Cork v Kerry.

Munster U20 HC:

Cork who won the Munster U20 Hurling Championship in 2020 will play the winners of Tipperary and Waterford in the Munster Semi-Final.

Quarter-finals: Waterford v Tipperary; Clare v Kerry.

Semi-finals: Waterford or Tipperary v Cork; Clare or Kerry v Limerick.

Munster U20 FC:

In the Munster U20 Football Championship, Cork have drawn Kerry in the Munster Semi-Final stage

Quarter-finals: Tipperary v Limerick; Waterford v Clare.

Semi-finals: Kerry v Cork; Tipperary or Limerick v Waterford or Clare

2021 Allianz National Hurling League

Tipperary 0-22 Cork 2-16

A Jason Forde's long-range injury-time free earned Tipperary a draw against Cork in Thurles. Cork looked likely winners after subs Alan Connolly and Conor Cahalane had points to put them 2-16 to 0-20 in front but Tipp corner back Cathal Barrett pointed and then from a free behind their own 65, Forde sent over his 11th point of the night to level the scores.

Cork were in front in the 12th minute as midfielder Tim O'Mahony goaled from close range after linking with Horgan, Tipp were level by the water-break and Forde's frees helped Liam Sheedy's side to go in at half-time with a 0-12 to 1-8 advantage.

Cork were level as Darragh Fitzgibbon set up Horgan for a well-taken goal on 44, soon after Cork were back in front, 2-9 to 0-14 and they wouldn't trail again. A purple patch before and after the water-break saw Cork register points through subs Daire Connery, Tadhg Deasy and Conor Cahalane to lead by 2-12 to 0-15 with 12 minutes left but Tipp wouldn't let them clear and the sides were level late in normal time before Cork pushed ahead again but could not hold their advantage.

Scorers for Cork: Patrick Horgan 1-6 (0-5 frees), Tim O'Mahony 1-1, Alan Cadogan, Conor Cahalane 0-2 each, Darragh Fitzgibbon, Daire Connery, Tadhg Deasy, Alan Connolly, Robbie O'Flynn 0-1 each.

Cork: Patrick Collins; Niall O'Leary, Damien Cahalane, Seán O'Leary Hayes; Robert Downey, Mark Coleman (Blarney), Niall Cashman; Billy Hennessy, Tim O'Mahony; Luke Meade, Darragh Fitzgibbon, Robbie O'Flynn; Alan Cadogan, Patrick Horgan, Jack O'Connor. Subs: Conor Cahalane for O'Flynn (28, injured), Daire Connery for Cashman (45), Eoin Cadogan for Downey, Tadhg Deasy for O'Connor (both 53), Alan Connolly for Alan Cadogan, Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra) for O'Leary Hayes (both 59), Seán Twomey for Meade (70).

Mark Coleman of Blarney was named RTE 'Man of the Match'

Cork 7-27 Westmeath 0-15

CORK saw off the Westmeath challenge in emphatic fashion in the third round of Division 1 Group A of the Allianz Hurling League at Páirc Uí Chaoimh despite having seven changes from the previous Tipp match. Those given their chance showed up well and the Rebels have now gone three games unbeaten for the first time since 2018.

Alan Connolly's ninth-minute goal made it 1-1 to 0-2 and by the water-break, Cork held a 1-5 to 0-4 advantage. Cork's second goal from Luke Meade removed any lingering doubts about the outcome and the third goal from Patrick Horgan made it 3-10 to 0-9 after Cork added four more points in a row. Shane Barrett had a fourth

goal on the restart, a fifth arrived from Horgan and Cadogan made it 6-17 to 0-9 from Darragh Fitzgibbon's pass. With 20 minutes left Cork got a seventh goal, Connolly touching home his second of the day from a Kennefic cross. It was 7-19 to 0-9 by the second-half water-break and by the end, 33 points separated the sides.

Scorers for Cork: P Horgan 2-4 (0-2f), A Cadogan 1-4, A Connolly 2-1, S Barrett 1-3, L Meade 1-2, D Connery 0-3 (0-2f), T O'Mahony, D Fitzgibbon, B Turnbull (0-2f) 0-2 each, C Cahalane, R Downey, S Twomey, S O'Leary Hayes 0-1 each.

Cork: Ger Collins (Ballinhassig); Seán O'Leary Hayes (Midleton), Eoin Cadogan (Douglas), Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra); Tim O'Mahony (Newtownshandrum), Niall Cashman (Blackrock), Robert Downey (Glen Rovers); Darragh Fitzgibbon (Charleville), Daire Connery (Na Piarasigh); Conor Cahalane (St Finbarrs), Luke Meade (Newcestown), Shane Barrett (Blarney); Alan Cadogan (Douglas), Pat Horgan (Glen Rovers), Alan Connolly (Blackrock). Subs: Tadhg Deasy (Blackrock) 41, Simon Kennefic (Glen Rovers) 41, James O'Flynn (Erins Own) 48, Bill Cooper (Youghal) 52, Seán Twomey (Courcy Rovers) 54, Brian Turnbull (Douglas) 53, Daniel Meaney (Blackrock) 56, Eoin Davis (St. Catherines), Niall O'Leary (Castlelyons), Damien Cahalane (St Finbarrs), Billy Hennessy (St. Finbarrs)



Allianz National Football League

Kildare 2-12 Cork 0-14

Cork footballers suffered an opening round defeat in the Allianz Football League against Kildare at Thurles and played poorly after a promising start. Ciarán Sheehan and Colm O'Callaghan of Éire Óg and Daniel Dineen and Tadgh Corkery of Cill na Martra all saw action with Cork.

Cork's led 0-4 to 0-3 going into the water break and if anything should have been further ahead. Kildare went ahead for the first time with the last kick of the first half from a free from full 50 metres or more, 0-7 to 0-6.

Kildare kept the pressure on in the second half, it was 0-11 to 0-8 in the 59th minute and from the kick out, Kildare won possession and worked the ball to Kevin Flynn who calmly finished the back of the Cork net. Kildare's Jimmy Hyland made victory assured when he found the net in the 60th minute. Cork rallied late in the game. Cathal O'Mahony scored four points, with Ciarán Sheehan also on the scoresheet.

Scorers for Cork: Cathal O'Mahony 0-6 (5 frees), John O'Rourke 0-2, Brian Hurley 0-2 (2 frees), Ian Maguire 0-2, Kevin O'Driscoll 0-1, Ciarán Sheehan 0-1.

Cork: Mícheál Martin; Daniel O'Mahony, Seán Meehan, Kevin Flahive; Paul Walsh, Seán Powter,

Mattie Taylor; Ian Maguire, Kevin O'Driscoll; Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg), Seán White, Ruairí Deane; John O'Rourke, Brian Hurley, Cathal O'Mahony. Subs: Brian Hartnett for O'Callaghan (h/t), Dan Dineen (Cill na Martra) for Hurley (39), Kevin O'Donovan for Powter (59), Ciarán Sheehan (Éire Óg) for O'Driscoll (59), Blake Murphy for Deane (63), Tadgh Corkery (Cill na Martra) for Maguire (67).

Cork 2-12 Laois 0-10

Cork claimed a well deserved and desperately needed win at Portlaoise in their second league game. Ciarán Sheehan, Colm O'Callaghan, Éire Óg and Tadgh Corkery and Daniel Dineen of Cill na Martra, all saw action with Cork. Cork are away to Clare in the final group game needing another win to progress to the knockout stages. Laois had a nightmare start, seeing Colm Begley forced off the field through injury with barely a minute gone and, while they waited to bring on his replacement, Cork struck for a goal, Luke Connolly putting Seán White through and the latter finished with a low shot to the net. Ciarán Sheehan added a point, John O'Rourke fisted over from close range. Laois were struggling but finally hit something of a purple patch around

the 15th minute and were only a point in arrears at the water break. Cork pointed twice before the water break, Ian Maguire and Kevin O'Driscoll providing the scores this time, and Ruairí Deane availed of a defensive error away before slotting home to leave Cork in command. It was 2-7 to 0-7 at half time, Laois were five points in arrears at the three quarter stage and Cork never lost control.

Scorers for Cork: Seán White, Ruairí Deane 1-0 each, John O'Rourke, Ciarán Sheehan, Ian Maguire, Mark Collins (2fs) 0-2 each, Kevin O'Driscoll, Luke Connolly, Mattie Taylor, Shane Forde 0-1 each.

Cork: Mícheál Martin; Seán Powter, Daniel O'Mahony, Kevin Flahive; Kevin O'Donovan, Seán Meehan, Mattie Taylor; Ian Maguire, Paul Walsh; Seán White, Ruairí Deane, Kevin O'Driscoll; John O'Rourke, Ciarán Sheehan (Éire Óg), Luke Connolly.

Subs: Damien Gore for Connolly (51), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg) for Sheehan (53), Mark Collins for White (53), Tadgh Corkery (Cill na Martra) for O'Donovan (58), Cian Kiely (Ballincollig) for Taylor (59), Dan Dineen (Cill na Martra) for O'Rourke (64), Shane Forde for Powter (64).

Lidl Ladies Gaelic Football National League

Cork 3-15 Tipperary 2-6

CORK got their Lidl National Football League campaign off to a winning start at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Goals from Libby Coppinger and Katie Quirke in the second half were crucial as the Rebels shook off a dogged Premier challenge. It was a tough, hard-hitting game, as referee Eamonn Moran let the game flow and frees were hard earned.

The first half was a tight affair, a goal from TG4 Player of the Match Sadhbh O'Leary and some super points from Orla Finn, ensured Cork led 1-9 to 2-4 at the break, with Róisín Phelan impressing in the Rebel defence, despite Tipp's two goals. Erika O'Shea offered her typical driving runs, scored twice and all of the Cork tally of 3-15 came from play.

Playing with the strong wind Cork opened the

scoring after just 30 seconds through Ciara O'Sullivan, with Aisling Moloney equalising from a free. A third Moloney free from Moloney put Tipp in front with 10 minutes gone, before Erika O'Shea levelled and then Sadhbh O'Leary nudged Cork back in front.

Then came the first Tipp goal from Marie Creedon. Finn reduced the deficit before Cork went back in front when Brid O'Sullivan played Sadhbh O'Leary in to make it 1-5 to 1-3.

Finn and Emma Cleary increased Cork's lead before Emma Morrissey slipped the ball to Roisín Daly for Tipperary's second goal.

It was 1-9 to 2-4 at half-time, and Cork brought in three subs. O'Leary increased Cork's lead. Then on 40 minutes Daire Kiely, just on the pitch, played a long ball to Libby Coppinger who turned and found the back of the net, 2-10 to 2-4.

When Coppinger and Katie Quirke combined and made it 3-14 to 2-5 it was game over.

Scorers for Cork: S O'Leary 1-3, L Coppinger 1-1, K Quirke 1-0 each, C O'Sullivan, O Finn 0-3 each, E O'Shea, D Kiely 0-2 each, E Cleary 0-1.

Cork: M O'Brien; S Kelly, R Phelan, E Spillane; Erika O'Shea (Macroom), A Kelleher, M Duggan; M O'Callaghan, S Hayes; O Finn, C O'Sullivan, H Looney; S O'Leary, B O'Sullivan and E Cleary (Éire Óg).

Subs: M Cahalane for A Kelleher, L Coppinger for B O'Sullivan, O Farmer for S Hayes, (all ht), D Kiely for E Cleary (40), K Quirke for O Finn (47), C Collins for E Spillane (50), E Meaney for S Kelly (53 inj), E Murphy for C O'Sullivan (56), A O'Mahony for S O'Leary (57).

Next round: Cork at home to All Ireland champions Dublin

Camogie - Littlewoods National League

Cork 3-14 Tipperary 0-16

A brace of goals from Amy O'Connor allied to a power-packed performance by Chloe Sigerson enabled Cork to keep Tipperary at bay in their opening Division 1 Group 2 tie at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, as the Littlewoods Camogie League got under way.

Tipp represented a major challenge to the hosts so Cork Manager Paudie Murray named a very strong side but Tipperary possessed a significant level of experience too and started well with Cáit Devane splitting the posts a couple of times before Amy O'Connor billowed the net in the seventh minute. Three points followed but Tipp steadied the ship and trailed by just two at the water break.

Disaster struck Tipp All-Star netminder Slattery a second time just before the interval when she was unable to control a tame shot by Fiona Keating that dipped late to make it 2-7 to 0-6 at half-time.

A powerful run from Hannah Looney set up a second goal for Amy O'Connor just before the final water break, after her teammate had drawn the last defender. Tipp finished strongly as

Devane brought her tally to 10 points. Cork goalie Amy Lee came off her line to save a ground shot at goal in extra time and Cork finished with two late points themselves to win by seven points.

Div 2 League: Cork 2-13 Tipperary 0-13

A WELL-DESERVED but hard-earned victory for Cork in this Littlewood's Division 2 League clash in Drom-Inch as they got their campaign off to a perfect start.

Scorers for Cork: F Neville 1-3, C Finn 1-1, A Smith 0-4, A Hurley 0-2 H Ryan 0-2 f, R Harty 0-1.

Cork: S Beausang; E Flanagan, N O'Leary, A Crowley; A Moloney (c), A O'Callaghan, N Kilcommins; L Callanan, R Harty; C O'Callaghan, H Ryan, M Barrett; A Smith, F Neville, A Hurley.

Subs: M Murphy for C O'Callaghan (38), C Finn for M Barrett (42), K Walsh for H Ryan (53), C Daly for E Flanagan (57), K O'Keeffe for A Smith (58), H Sexton for A O'Callaghan (62).

Cork 2-14 Kerry 0-5

CORK went top of their section with an excellent victory over Kerry in this Littlewoods Division 2 clash in Castle Road. The victory guarantees Cork

of a qualification spot but the push will be on to top the group. Cork will now head to Galway for a meeting with the home side who recorded a huge victory on Saturday over Tipperary, 2-10 to 1-4.

Kerry came to Cork on the back of an excellent victory over Galway but despite playing with the wind they were 0-8 to 0-4 down at the break. Cork totally dominated the second half, goals from Finola Neville and Smith six minutes apart gave Kerry a mountain to climb.

Scorers for Cork: A Smith 1-4 (0-3 f) F Neville 1-1, R Harty, A Hurley 0-2 each, K Kilcommins, C Finn, K Walsh, K Wall H Ryan (f) 0-1 each.

Cork: S Beausang; C Daly, D Carroll, G Hannon; A Moloney (c), A O'Callaghan, C Kingston; L Callanan, K Kilcommins; K O'Keeffe, A Smith, R Harty; C Finn, F Neville, A Hurley. Subs: H Ryan for C Kingston (39), K Walsh for C Finn (41), K Wall for F Neville (45), J O'Leary for L Callanan (inj 49), A Nic A Bhaird for R Harty (56), H Sexton for A Moloney (57), M Murphy for A Smith (57).



Cork County Championships 2021

Commencing 20th August at earliest, groups of four, three games each, top two teams to advance.

SENIOR HURLING: 3 groups of four teams, 2 to advance

A Glen Rovers, Douglas, Newtownshandrum, Bishopstown

B Sarsfields, Na Piarasaigh, Midleton, Carrigtohill

C Blackrock, Erin's Own, St Finbarrs, Charleville Senior A Hurling:

A Kanturk, Bandon, Fermoy, BLARNEY

B Ballyhea, Bride Rovers, Ballymartle, Mallow

C Fr O'Neill's, Newcestown, Cloyne, Killeagh

Premier Intermediate Hurling:

A Carraigaline, Courceys, Youghal, ÉIRE ÓG/AGHABULLOGUE

B Castlelyons, Watergrasshill, INNISCARRA, Valley Rovers

C Kilworth, BALLINCOLLIG, Ballinhassig, Aghada Intermediate A Hurling

A ÉIRE ÓG/AGHABULLOGUE, Sarsfields, Dungourney, Argideen/Mallow/Glen

B Blackrock, Mayfield, Douglas, Russell Rvrs/Castlemartyr

C Kildorrery, CLOUGHUV, Midleton, Argid/Mallow/Glen

Lower Intermediate Hurling

A Argideen/Mallow/Glen, Kilbrittain, DRIPSEY, GRENAGH

B Russell Rvrs/Castlemartyr, Tracton, St Finbarrs, Junior Champions

C St Catherines, Milford, Ballygarvan, Barryroe

SENIOR FOOTBALL

A Nemo Rangers, Valley Rvrs, Douglas, Carraigaline

B Castlehaven, Newcestown, Carbery Rangers, Mallow/Éire Óg winners

C St Finbarrs, Ballincollig, Clonakilty, Ilen Rovers

Senior A Football

A O'Donovan Rossa, Bandon, BÉAL ÁTHA'N

GHAORTHADH, Dohenys

B Bishopstown, St Michaels, Kiskeam, Knocknagree/Kanturk winners

C Fermoy, Mallow/ÉIRE ÓG losers, Clyda, Bantry Blues

Premier Intermediate Football

A St Nicks, Kanturk/Knocknagree losers, MACROOM, NAOMH ABÁN

B CILL na MARTRA, Nemo R, St Vincents, Mitchelstown/Rockchapel winners

C Newmarket, Aghada, Castletownbere, Na Piarasaigh

Intermediate A Football

A Mitchelstown/Rockchapel losers, AGHABULLOGUE, Kildorrery, Glanmire

B Kilshannig, Glanworth, Adrigole, Glenville

C Millstreet, Kinsale, St Finbarrs, Junior Champs

D Gabriel Rangers, BALLINORA, Dromtarriffe, Ballydesmond

Cork Credit Unions County Football League Cup 2021

The Credit Union Football League Cup commences on Monday June 7th with Rd 1, Rd 2 to follow on June 20th. There are 7 groups, with 2 sections in 1-6. Order of play: Team 1 plays 2 in Rd One, then plays 3 in Rd Two, then plays 4 in Rd Three.

1A 1.St Finbarrs, 2.Nemo Rangrs, 3.Kiskeam, 4.Éire Óg

1B Clonakilty, St Michaels, Cill na Martra, Carbery Rangers

2A Castlehaven, Valley Rvrs, O'Donovan Rossa, Mallow

2B Ballincollig, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Fermoy, Newmarket

3A Clyda, Carrigaline, Kanturk, Macroom

3B Douglas, Newcestown, Aghabullogue, Ilen Rovers

4A Dohenys, Nemo Inter, Glanworth, Aghada

4B Naomh Aban, Rockchapel, Bishopstown, Bandon

5A St Vincents, Kinsale, Bantry Blues, St Nicks

5B Knocknagree, Dromtarriffe, Mitchelstown, Gabriel Rangers

6A Glenville, Ballinora, Mayfield, St Finbarrs Int

6B Kildorrery, Kilshannig, Grenagh, Na Piarasaigh

7 Glanmire, Castletownbere, Millstreet, Adrigole, Ballydesmond

2021 Mid Cork season commences

The following are the fixtures that have been confirmed to date for the opening weeks of the new Mid Cork season.

Mon, June 7th @12pm JAFL RD 1 GRP 1 Iveleary v Aghinagh

Mon, June 7th @7pm JAFL RD 1 GRP 1 Canovee v Kilmichael

Mon, June 7th @8pm JAFL RD 1 GRP 1 Donoughmore v Ballincollig in Ballincollig

Mon, June 7th @7pm JAFL RD 1 GRP 2 Kilmurry v Inniscarra

Mon, June 7th @7pm JBFL RD 1 GRP 2 Gleann na Laoi v Ballinora

Tues, June 8th @ 7.45pm JAFL RD 1 GRP 2 Cill na Marta v Clondrohid

Tues, June 8th @ 7pm JAFL RD 1 GRP 2 Grenagh V Ballingearry in Grenagh

Fri, June 11th @ 7pm U21 BFC 2020 Semi Final Canovee v Kilmurry in Macroom

Subject to public health at the time games will return behind closed doors.

1 - Leagues

JAFL - Group of 7 & Group of 6 (Iveleary will remain in our leagues) = 13 teams

JBFL - Group of 6 & Group of 6 = 12 Teams

JCLF - Group of 7 & Group of 6 = 13 Teams at present

JABL - Group of 5 & Group of 5 = 10 Teams

JBHL - Group of 5 & group of 4 = 9 Teams

2- Championship 2021

Possible start dates will be Weekend commencing 21/22 August. Draws for championships to be made soon.

JAF - 13 Teams (includes Iveleary for now) - 6 x 1st Rounds & 1 x Bye, 3 x 2nd Round (Losers) 1 x Bye (Same Bye can't be brought forward), Etc.

JBF - 12 Teams - 6 x 1st Rounds, QF, SF, & Final (Straight Knockout)

JCF - 13 Teams - 6 x 1st Rounds 1 x Bye, 6x winners & Bye, QF, SF & Final (Straight Knockout)

JAH - 10 teams - 5 x 1st Rounds, 2 x 2nd Round, QF & 1 x Bye, SF & Final

JBH - 9 Teams - 1 Preliminary Rd, 1st Round, QF, SF & Final. (Straight Knockout)

3- Completion of 2020 Championships

JBHC Final - Inniscarra v Blarney - Date to follow in due course.

U21BF - Remaining games will be played - Naomh Abán are in the final as Ballinora withdrew. Canovee v Kilmurray SF to be played.

U21CF - Remaining games will be played - Iveleary are in the final awaiting the winners of Ballingearry or Clondrohid.

4- U21 championships 2021

These competitions to be played during July and if not completed for different reasons we will possibly get them completed after the Junior Adult games. These games will be slotted in

during the week also.

U21AF - 3 Teams involved so we will have a round robin competition for these teams - (Ballincollig, Éire Óg, Inniscarra) Top 2 teams will play final.

U21BF - 8 Teams - 4 x 1st Round, 2 x 2nd Round, QF, SF, & Final (Aghabullogue, Aghinagh, Ballinora, Blarney, Canovee, Grenagh, Kilmurray, Naomh Aban)

U21CF - 10 Teams - 5 x 1st Round, 2 x 2nd Round 1 x Bye, QF, SF & Final (Ballincollig 2, Ballingearry, Cill na Martra, Clondrohid, Donoughmore, Éire Óg2, Inniscarra 2, Iveleary, Kilmichael, Macroom)

U21 Hurling - we are confident that we will have a championship/tournament for the following teams - Aghabullogue, Ballincollig, Blarney, Cloughduv, Éire Óg, & Inniscarra if the County Board decide not to proceed. We would have two groups of 3.

U21BH - We have 6 teams so far in this grade (Ballincollig, Ballinora, Grenagh, Éire Óg, Inniscarra2 & Kilmichael). Format will be the same as in A.

The above U21 Hurling grade would not commence until after the other adult grade games.



A Last Look Back to Ten Years Ago 2011 Simcox Cup Final

Rochestown Park Hotel Cork Colleges Senior A Football

De La Salle, Macroom 2 – 9 Coláiste Chríost Rí, Cork 0 – 4

In another chapter in what is proving to be a memorable golden spell for football in De La Salle College, the Mid Cork school won their third Cork Colleges Senior A title in six years by defeating city rivals Coláiste Chríost Rí, the reigning champions, in a one-sided final under lights at CIT. De La Salle hit the front early and stayed there to the finish. Dominant at midfield through the complimenting strengths of Peter Kelleher and Cathal Vaughan, strong in defence with centre back Seán O'Leary superb and Robbie O'Dwyer rock solid behind him and carrying plenty of scoring power in attack, De La Salle were altogether too strong for Chríost Rí on this occasion.

Darren Kelly and Patrick Lucey had early points and in the 10th minute DLS struck for their first goal, Sean O'Leary was up in attack and his final pass to James Moynihan left the centre forward with a clear shot at goal which was dispatched to the corner of the net. Peter Kelleher added a point to put DLS six points clear, Cathal Vaughan pointed a free in the 23rd minute and a minute later, Daniel Twomey took a perfect pass from David Horgan and billowed the Criost Ri net from close range to put DLS ten points clear. The city side at last got a score on the board in the final minute of the half but they were clearly in dire



De La Salle College Macroom - Cork Senior Champions (Simcox Cup) 2011

trouble at the break with DLS leading by 2-4 to 0-1.

Points from Cathal Vaughan, Patrick Lucey and David Horgan were enough to keep DLS comfortable to the finish.

De La Salle, Macroom: Dylan Dineen (Macroom): Seán Kelleher (Aghinagh), Robbie O'Dwyer (Macroom), Kevin Manning (Iveleary) capt.: Seán O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue), Seán O'Leary (Iveleary), Finbarr Buckley (Kilmichael): Peter Kelleher (Kilmichael), Cathal Vaughan (Iveleary): Darren Kelly (Macroom), James Moynihan (Canovee), Patrick Lucey (Macroom): John Murphy (Macroom), Daniel Twomey (Kilmichael),

David Horgan (Macroom). Subs: Pádraic Berhanu (Kilmurry) and Shane Creedon (Macroom) both used and William Coakley (Aghinagh), Dermot O'Callaghan (Aghinagh), Adam Healy (Kilmurry), Patrick Grainger (Kilmurry), Michael Cronin (Macroom), Robert Cahalane (Kilmurry), Shane Foley (Kilmichael), Michael Dunne (Canovee), Barry O'Leary (Iveleary), Barry Healy (Macroom), Brendan Cotter (Kilmichael), Liam Kearney (Iveleary), Daniel Cahalane (Kilmurry), Daniel McSweeney (Clondrohid). The Joint team coaches/selectors were Noel Dunne and Eric Graham.

Farho Intelligent Heating Mid Cork U 21 'A' Hurling Championship Final

Blarney 1 – 13 Cloughdub 0 – 11

Blarney were crowned Mid Cork U21 A Hurling Champions after getting the better of Cloughdub in a keenly contested final at a wind swept Coachford. Blarney's Ciarán Buckley scored the all important only goal of the game just before half time and the new champions led by 1-9 to 0-4 at the break, having made full use of the wind in the opening half. However, Cloughdub did launch a spirited comeback in the second half but some wasteful shooting proved very costly in the end.

The opening quarter was very even and

Cloughdub stayed in touch through the accurate free taking of Daragh Ring. The wind advantage began to tell inevitably as the half progressed and Blarney had opened up a 0-7 to 0-3 lead five minutes before half time, and they added a further 1-2 in the remaining minutes of the half to enjoy an eight-point interval lead.

Cloughdub started the second half well with early points from Michael Deasy and Daragh Ring but then the play became scrappy and the Blarney defence dealt with the Cloughdub pressure. Four unanswered points for Cloughdub from Ring, Darren Kelly and Cillian McDonnell reduced the

deficit to five points in the final quarter but they were could not get through for the goal they needed. Cloughdub: Colm Ryan; Mark Verling, Donal Cronin, William Ahern; Liam Kelleher, Jerry Lucey, Stephen Down; Alan O Sullivan, Darren Kelly (0-1); Tony Dineen (0-1), Michael Deasy (0-1), Sean O'Connor: Charles Kenneally, Daragh Ring (0-7,0-5 frees), Liam Ryan. Subs: Cillian Mc Donnell (0-1), Michael Lucey, Daragh O'Leary, Kevin Barry Murphy.

Mid Cork U 21 'B' Hurling Championship

Aghabullogue 3 – 16 Kilmichael 0 – 12

Aghabullogue proved too strong for Kilmichael in the U21 Hurling Championship at Cloughdub and then accounted for Grenagh by 2-15 to 3-4.

Aghabullogue: Peter O'Sullivan: Thomas Barrett, Dan Healy, Anthony O'Sullivan: Alan Hogan, Eamonn Murphy, Michael Dennehy: Denis Quinlan, Aidan Barry Murphy: John Buckley, Paudie Twomey, Mark O'Flynn: Mark Long, Ger Hogan, John Corkery. Subs: Dhani Merrick, Nicky O'Donovan, Ciaran Barrett, Stephen Dennehy, Ian McSweeney.



Picture right: Aghabullogue Mid Cork Junior B Hurling Champions 2011



County Minor B Football Championship Final

Western Gaels 0 – 16 Dromtariffe 0 – 9

Western Gaels, formed to give minors from Kilmichael and Iveleary a chance to play championship football, ended a great first season with a great victory in the county Minor B Football final at Ballydesmond. The earlier hard earned semi final win over Clann na nGael really stood to the Western Gaels and they were deserving winners of this final. Gaels were totally committed, more skilful and had the better players on this occasion, led for most of the game and emerged as worthy county champions. Dromtariffe scored first but the Muskerry boys took over thereafter and led at half time by 0-10 to 0-4 after a really blistering display of forward power. Daniel Twomey was in sparkling form up front with Barry O'Leary and Liam Kearney also on target regularly. In defence the half back line of Sean O'Leary and his flankers Daragh Foley and team captain Kevin Manning were on top and constantly driving forward and with Peter Kelleher and Finbarr Buckley also prominent at midfield Western Gaels were dominant. A further two points on the resumption put Gaels further in front and oozing confidence but brave Dromtariffe staged a minor rally which narrowed the deficit to four points but Western Gaels were not to be denied and they finished with a flourish with further points from Cathal Vaughan, Kearney and Barry O'Leary. Western Gaels: Joseph Creedon (Iveleary): David Murphy (Iveleary), Donal Kelly (Kilmichael), Stephen Kelleher (Kilmichael): Daragh Foley (Kilmichael), Sean O'Leary (Iveleary), Kevin Manning (Iveleary)



Western Gaels - County minor champions 2011

capt.: Peter Kelleher (Kilmichael), Finbarr Buckley (Kilmichael): Barry O'Leary (Iveleary), Cathal Vaughan (Iveleary), Liam Kearney(Iveleary): Brendan Cotter (Kilmichael), Shane Cotter (Kilmichael), Daniel Twomey (Kilmichael). Subs: Shane Foley and Padraig Lordan.

Minor B Football County semi final: Dromtariffe 3 – 7 Aghabullogue 0 – 12

Aghabullogue minor footballers, beaten earlier by Western Gaels in the East Region final, were very unlucky to go under to Dromtariffe in the county semi final at Macroom. Two late goals

in quick succession put an end to the Mid Cork side's hopes after they had controlled the game for much of the second half.

Aghabullogue: Jimmy O'Connor: Greg Long, Eamonn Murphy, Anthony Corkery; Dylan Kelleher, David O'Connell, Sean Dineen: Evan O'Sullivan, Sean O'Sullivan: Ryan Dennehy, John Corkery, Brian McSweeney; David Dineen, Tim Herlihy, Richard Byrne. Subs: Ian BarryMurphy, Billy Casey, Pierce Fitzpatrick.

County Minor D (12 a side) Football Championship Final

Aghinagh 5-10 Liscarroll 3-7

Aghinagh had a hard earned victory over Liscarroll in the County Minor Football Final played in Mallow. The early exchanges were close and both sides exchanged a number of points before Simon O'Connell's two opportunistic goals gave Aghinagh a six point lead. Aghinagh were unlucky to lose the influential full back Dermot O'Callaghan at this stage to a head injury, but some good goal keeping by Matthew McCarthy and stout defending by John Lynch, Andrew Murphy and James Lucey kept Liscarroll at bay. Points by William Coakley and Sean Kelleher ensured that Aghinagh led at half time by 2-5 to 1-2. Some early points by Sean

Kelleher increased Aghinagh's lead in the second half. Liscarroll came more into the game and a goal at the three quarter stage brought them within six points of Aghinagh. However, with Donagh McCarthy, Diarmuid O'Riordan and Sean Dineen dominating in the middle there was a plentiful supply of ball to the Aghinagh forwards. Goals from Ross Crowley, Sean Kelleher and Simon O'Connell, followed by points by John Dorney and William Coakley gave Aghinagh an unassailable lead entering the final stages. Even a late penalty and some points by Liscarroll failed to dampen Aghinagh's joy and the introduction of subs Christopher Duggan and Dylan Hayes gave Aghinagh fresh impetus and ensured that

the trophy was heading for Mid Cork. There were scenes of great jubilation as Simon O'Connell was presented with the Cup by Rebel Og Board Cathaoirleach, Mark Sheehan.

Semi Final:

Aghinagh 4 – 9 Castletownbere 2 - 9

Aghinagh (12 a side): Matthew McCarthy: John Lynch, Dermot O'Callaghan: James Lucey, Diarmuid Riordan, Sean Dineen (0-1): Donagh Mc Carthy: Andrew Murphy, Sean Kelleher (0-4), Ross Crowley (1-1): Simon O'Connell capt. (3-0), William Coakley (0-3). Subs: John Dorney, Christopher Duggan, Dylan Hayes.

2011 Cork County U 21'B' Football Championship Final

Cill na Martra 0 – 16 Glenbower Rovers 1 – 14

Heartbreak for Cill na Martra at Pairc Ui Rinn as they failed by the minimum margin of a single point in the county final against the East Cork side Glenbower from Killeagh. The Mid Cork side had been six points adrift as the final quarter dawned but inspired by the accurate freetaking of Kevin Hoare, Cill na Martra had fought their way back into contention, point by point, and they were only that single point behind at the end.

Cill na Martra scorers: Kevin Hoare 0-12 (0-8 frees, 0-1 '45'), Shane Dineen 0-2, Jonathan Lynch 0-1, Cathal O Riordan 0-1

Cill na Martra: Antoin Ó Conaill: Eoin Mac

Lochlainn, Graham Ó Mocháin, N Ó Loinsigh: Tadhg MacSuibhne, Danni Ó Conaill, Cathal Ó Riordan: Peadar Ó Muineachain, Fionnbarra Ó hEaluith: Adrian Ó Cróinín, Seanachán Ó Loinsigh, Shane Ó Duinnín: Maidhchi Ó Duinnín, Caoimhín Ó hUidhir, Criostóir Ó Loinsigh. Fir Ionaid: Don Ó Críodáin and Pádraig Ó Góil.

2011 County Junior A Hurling League Final: Sarsfields 3 – 9 Cloughduv 2 – 10

Mid Cork champions Cloughduv looked to have victory secured in this final played under lights at Pairc Ui Rinn but the Riverstown men turned in a blistering finish, banged in three goals and emerged with a two point winning margin.

Cloughduv scorers: Daragh Ring 0-5 (0-2 frees),

Denis O'Sullivan 1-1, Con Dunne 1-0, Brian Aherne 0-2, Tom O'Mahony and Donal Corkery 0-1 each.

Cloughduv: Colm Ryan: Liam Long, James McCarthy, Tadhg McCarthy: Mark Verling, Andrew Cronin, Stephen Down: Ger Aherne, Denis O'Sullikvan: Con Dunne, Brian Aherne, Sean O'Connor: Donal Corkery, Tom O'Mahony, Daragh Ring. Subs: Ger Lucey (half time), Tony Dineen (43rd min.)



2011 County Junior A Football League Final:

Glenbower Rovers 1 – 9 Kilmurry 0 – 8

After the excitement of the replay victory over Bandon a week earlier this defeat by Killeagh in the county league final at Pairc Ui Rinn was very disappointing for Kilmurry. In truth Kilmurry did not play to their full potential and Killeagh made them pay the price. Kilmurry were well on top in the opening quarter and although they went three points clear they should have capitalised more on their dominance in this period. Subsequently, Glenbower, the football arm of Killeagh hurling club, recovered and got three points on the board to level the scores at half time at 0-3 each.

On the restart, Glenbower added two points to their tally but Kilmurry replied with a brace to again level the scores by the three quarter stage. Hopes that Kilmurry would now go on to victory were dashed by a goal for Glenbower and this score was followed by a point, to open up a four-point gap and this was to be the winning margin at the final whistle. In the closing stages Kilmurry



Kilmurry Mid Cork Junior A League Champions 2011

points from Dominick Creedon, Johnny O'Leary and Greg Barrett were answered by similar scores from Glenbower as the East Cork men remained safely in front to the finish.

Kilmurry: Pat O'Callaghan: Liam Buckley, Kevin Barrett, William Barrett: Finbarr Crowley, Liam Long, Stephen Down: Eoin Creedon, Greg

Barrett: Dominick Creedon, James White, Dave O'Halloran: Dave McCarthy, Johnny O'Leary, Alan O'Sullivan. Subs: David O'Leary, Paud O'Connell, Michael Linehan. Glenbower included two ex-Kilmurry men in their line out, Timmy and Conor Murphy, both now resident in East Cork.

2011 Mid Cork Junior A Hurling League Final

Cloughdub 4 – 13 Grenagh 2 – 5

The final game of the Mid Cork GAA season was the final of the Cumnor Construction Junior A hurling league at Ovens and an eagerly anticipated game turned out to be a very one sided affair. Cloughdub strolled to victory against a very unfocussed Grenagh and so the Cloughdub men completed a Mid Cork Junior A hurling double for 2011.

Cloughdub had been active in the county league

representing Muskerry whereas Grenagh had been involved in a Premier Football championship relegation dog fight with Carrigaline (which eventually they lost) and so Cloughdub were naturally sharper going into the game but still Grenagh appeared uncharacteristically lacking in motivation, in contrast to the winners who were hell bent on completing the divisional double.

Cloughdub scorers: Tom O'Mahony 2-1, Darragh

Ring 1-4 (0-3 frees), Ger Ahern 1-0, Denis O'Sullivan, Con Dunne and Donal Corkery 0-2 each, Stephen Down and Sean O'Connor 0-1 each. Cloughdub: Colm Ryan: Liam Long, James McCarthy, Tadg McCarthy: Mark Verling, Andrew Cronin, Stephen Down: Ger Ahern, Denis O'Sullivan: Con Dunne, Brian Ahern, Sean O'Connor: Donal Corkery, Tom O'Mahony, Darragh Ring. Subs: Tony Dineen, Barry Walsh, Michael Deasy, William Ahern, Derry Keane.

County Football League – Division Three (Premier Intermediate) Final

Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh 1 – 8 Clyda Rovers 1 – 9

For the second time in a month, Beal Átha had to taste defeat after a clash with Clyda, the beaten county premier championship finalists. The margin between the teams at the finish was only a single point and that winning score was registered in the final minute of the game,

which was played under lights at Cloughdub. The winning point came from a connection with a '45' which had been controversial and so the circumstances added to the Beal Atha disappointment. Both teams have won promotion to Division Two of the County League for next season.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Gearóid O Muirthille:

Nollaig O Duinnín, Amhlaoibh O Loinsuigh, Finén O Loinsuigh: Sean O Donnchú, Donal MacCarthaigh, Sean O Duinnín: Colman O Tuama, Liam O Coinceannain: Barra O Coinceannain, Liam Seartan, Pol O Buachalla: Ben Seartan, Cian O Duinnín, Tadgh O Laoire. Ionaídi: C O Tuama, Ian O Coinceannain, Miceal O Tuama.

Ladies Football - Senior All Ireland Club Semi Final

Donoughmore 0 – 10 Na Fianna, Dublin 2 – 9

Donoughmore will not add the 2011 All Ireland title to their Cork and Munster crowns after going under to Dublin side Na Fianna in the All Ireland semi-final. Team manager Mossie Barrett after the game praised the complete commitment of his side who gave everything to the cause but did not have the best of luck on the day despite their all-out effort. Na Fianna did the main damage in the first half, scoring two goals before the break and they led by 2-5 to 0-4 at half time.

Donoughmore dominated for 25 minutes of the second half but they had left themselves with too much to do and so had to accept defeat at the finish.

At half time Na Fianna led by seven points. On the restart, Donoughmore had two points from Juliet Murphy and one from play from Aileen Buckley but Na Fianna were a good side and matched the efforts of the Donoughmore girls and maintained a six point gap between the team. In a spell of dominance, Juliet Murphy, Aileen Buckley and Rena Buckley kicked over points for

Donoughmore to leave only one goal between the teams but the Fianna defence was very strong and physical and denied Donoughmore of a goal they needed. Two late points for Na Fianna gave victory to the Dublin champions but Donoughmore left the field with heads held high. Donoughmore: Caitriona O'Connell: Eimer Walsh, Aisling Barrett, Ann Marie O'Shea: Linda Barrett, Rena Buckley, Rosie O'Mahony: Gemma O'Connor, Juliet Murphy: Regina Curtin, Aisling O'Connor, Yvonne Twomey: Aileen Buckley, L Murphy, Rachel Barrett. Sub: Rose Cogan.

LAOCHRA ÓG NOTES:

Training and events

Mondays : U9 Hurling training with Aylenne in Teerbeg 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Camogie training with Liam in Coláiste Gobnatan 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesdays : U12 Camogie training with Jenny in Teerbeg 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesdays : U7 Hurling training with Mary in Teerbeg 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays : U11 Hurling training with Humphrey

in Teerbeg 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Fridays : U15 Hurling training with Ian in Coláiste Gobnatan 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Camogie training with Liam in Coláiste Gobnatan 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

U12 Camogie training with Jenny in Coláiste Gobnatan 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Laochra Og U14/U16 and Minor Camogie training at Macroom Town Park Mon.24th and Wed. 26th Colaiste Ghobnatan times 6:45pm to 8pm.

Adult Camogie training this week. Wed. 26th

Colaiste Ghobnatan from 645 to 8pm and Sat. Morning 29th Teerbeg from 1130am to 1230pm. Well done to all our new adult players giving Camogie a go for the first time. We encourage others out there it's a great chance to get started and learn the skills of the game in a non-pressurised environment, no experience required to get started. Text (087) 9437272 for further info.

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AGHINAGH GAA:

Lotto Results 10/5/2021

The jackpot was €7,600. The numbers drawn were 7, 31 and 36. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 Kay Coakley, Ballinagree. €20 each to Margaret Spillane, Upper Carrigadrohid; Noreen Spillane, Ballinagree; Mary Ambrose, Cahirbaroule (Online Winner); Katie O'Connell, Coolnadane (Online Winner).

Lotto Results 17/5/2021

The jackpot was €7,750. The numbers drawn were 22, 30 and 42. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 Gretta Linehan, Barrets Place, Macroom. €20 each to Sean McSweeney, Coolgariff; Michael O'Connor, Macroom, C/O Dan O'Connor; Ger Healy, Kilnamartyra; Chris Duggan, Leades (Online Winner).

COACHFORD AFC Lotto Results 17/5/2021.

Jackpot: €5,600. Numbers Drawn: 1 – 15 - 20. Winner: Tara O'Connell. €40 Deirdre Browne (Online Ticket). €20 Harry O'Reilly (Online Ticket). Patsy & Mary Moynihan (Yearly Ticket). Shane Martin. Ben O'Connell.

Lotto Results 24/5/2021. Jackpot: €1,000. Numbers Drawn: 23 – 26 - 30. No Winner: €40 Baby Nicole. €20 Seán Delaney. Jack Murphy. Marian O'Driscoll (Online Ticket). Ronan Cooney (Online Ticket).

RCPA (RYLANE COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION)

Lotto results 17/05/2020 Winning numbers: 12, 26 &

38 Jackpot - €3,900

No Winner. Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Margaret Darcy (Rylane); John Carey (Boston Scientific); Alan Browne (Rylane) & Colm Burke (Ballinagree - Online)

Next week's Jackpot will be €4,000.

Lotto results 10/05/21:

Winning numbers: 14, 17 & 22 Jackpot - €3,800

No Winner. Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Noel Crowley (Carrig); Danny Leahy (Ballinagree); Diarmuid Cronin (Rylane) & David Dennehy (Rylane - Online)

Next week's Jackpot will be €3,900.

LAOCHRA ÓG

Club Lotto result 24/05/2020:

This week's lotto result had no jackpot winner. The match 3 winner was Conchur Cronin, Ballymakeera who won €100.

CLONDROHID G.A.A

Lotto Results 12/05/2020:

€70 John McSweeney Coolnadane
€20 Martin and Paul c/o MCP, Nora O'Donovan Bandon, Joan O'Riordan Dan Corkery Place, Sheena O'Driscoll Drimoleague.

Results for May 19. This week's jackpot €13,000

€70 Mary Cooney Greyhound Bar Macroom
€20 Martin & Yvonne O'Mahony Glenties, Maria Spillane Moulnahorna, Maria, Claire, and Jack Laine Bar, Trevor Spillane c/o Spillanes.

MACROOM G.A.A:

Lotto Results 11th of May

02, 10, 16, 32 - No Winner of €10,400

€70. Tom Creedon, Mountmassey, Macroom. €20. Shelia Buttimer, Coolcower, Macroom. €20. Aiden O'Brien, Clondrohid, Macroom. €20. Ella & Leah Goold, Gurteenroe, Macroom. €20. Annette O'Sullivan, Codrum, Macroom. €20. Fintan Goold, Sullane Weirs, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €10,600. Tickets on sale at Vaughan's Cafe, Twomey's Hardware, Evelyn Mc Sweeney, Twomey's Butchers. and online at www.macroomgaa.ie

Lotto Results 18th of May

07, 21, 24, 33 - No Winner of €10,600

No Winner - €70. James O'Connell, Dubai. €20. Pat Kelleher, Kelleher's Ford, Macroom. €20. Mary Kelleher, Glen Park, Macroom. €20. Denis Lucey, 9 Cork Street, Macroom. €20. Adam Murnane, Paleigh South, Macroom. €20. Denis Moloney, Tinkers Hill, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €10,800. Tickets Available Mary Lynch, Castle St, Betsy's Castle Street, Vaughan's Cafe, Frank Twomey, Evelyn Mc Sweeney, Twomey's Butchers. OnLine www.macroomgaa.ie

KILMURRY G.A.A:

No winner this week so it rolls over to €3,200.

Tickets can be purchased at all good local shops, post offices and pubs. The lotto can also be found on club force. See link below. <https://clubforce.com/clubs/kilmurry-gaa-cork/>



Youthreach Students, Felix Barnett, Paige Croinin and Przemek Kessling who are progressing on to Further Education in September 2021 to study Art Craft and Design, Psychology and Social Studies and Soft Ware Development, respectively. Skylene Van Rensburg is progressing on to Level 4 QQI4 within Youthreach.



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If you own items jointly, these automatically pass to you and are not part of your partner's estate. However, you might need to pay Capital Acquisitions Tax if the inheritance is above a certain threshold or value.

If your partner has not made a will or has not provided for you, you may be able to apply to the courts to provide for you from your partner's estate. This is known as the redress scheme for cohabiting couples. If you get redress by a court under this scheme, you may be exempt from paying Capital Acquisition Tax.

However, making a will can ensure that proper arrangements are made for you and your dependants and that any property is distributed in the way you both wish, subject to certain rights of spouses and children. Tax planning advice can help reduce or minimise the amount of tax your partner or family must pay. A solicitor can help you draft a will or you can draft one yourself.

You can read more about inheritance rights of cohabiting couples on citizensinformation.ie

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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader ...“for it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus. I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose Rider is called Faithful and True. With Justice He judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns.... He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.....on his robe and on His thigh He has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.” (Revelation 19:10-16).

The book of Revelation is the account of the end times. Jesus said to His disciples ‘the Words that I speak to you are Spirit and they are Life’ (John 6:63). This means that God’s Word is spiritually discerned, and this happens when a believer is baptised with the power of the Holy Spirit. It is very easy to receive this baptism friend, all you have to do is truly repent of your sins and ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with His Holy Spirit and baptise you with His fire. He will answer you and you will be transformed to live a life pleasing to God to bring Him glory. Your past or your limitations don’t matter to God. All of us are broken vessels. But God uses what the world writes off as useless or broken to shine His love and His power best.

The evangelist David Ring is one such person. Born with cerebral palsy, he lay dead upon a birthing table for almost twenty minutes until someone noticed that he was actually alive. Growing up, David felt the only person who loved and accepted him was his mother. Sadly she died when he was only fourteen shortly after the death of his father, so he turned away from God. He believed God did not love him because of his mother’s death, and because of all the hardship he had endured in life. But when David encountered the power of God everything changed for him. He describes how he found out that God did indeed love him and had a good plan for his life and that he was valuable to God. He told the Lord ‘I have nothing to give you but a broken life and a broken heart. When he invited the Lord Jesus to come into his life he says he went from being a nobody to becoming somebody who mattered to God. He learned that he is more than a conqueror – overcoming the obstacles he was born with through Christ. He is now married with four children, and learnt that life can be full of joy and not pain. He says ‘I am not lonely anymore – I’m happy. I still walk with a limp, I still talk funny, but I’m filled with joy because my Lord Jesus touched me. Watch him minister the beautiful song ‘What a day that will be’ with Gaither Music on YouTube - I challenge you not to cry. David Ring says ‘I have cerebral palsy but it doesn’t have me!’

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10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

KATHY CASEY

Carrigaphooka, Macroom. Wo died on 29th May 2011

Loving and kind in all her ways, Upright and just to the end of her days, Sincere and true in her heart and mind, Beautiful memories she left behind.



Fondly remembered by all her family and friends.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAM

Who died on the 3rd June, 2015.

A thousand words could not bring you back, I know because I tried. A thousand tears could not bring you back, I know because I cried.

I miss you Mam, although your soul is at rest, and your body free from pain, the world would be like heaven if I had you back again.

You're always in my thoughts no matter where I go, always in my heart, because I loved you so.

How ever long my life might last, Whatever land I view, whatever joy or grief is mine, I still remember you I really miss you Mam.



Always remembered and loved by her daughter Laura. Always on my mind, forever in my heart.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ANNETTE O'MAHONY

Clondrohid, Co. Cork Who died on the 3rd June, 2015.

We still see your face before us, Your voice we long to hear. We miss and love you dearly, God knows, we wish you were still here. No matter how life changes, No matter what we do, A special place within our hearts is always kept for you.



Sadly missed by her loving family, Parents John & Eileen, Daughter Laura, Partner Paul (Long), Sisters Sheila and Mags, Brothers Denis and John, Brothers-in-law Seanie and Denis, Nephew Eric and Nieces Chloe and Shauna.

38TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of our Dear Son

IAN FLEMING

Late of Crookstown, Co. Cork Who went to heaven on the 28th May 1983

He went away without farewell, He said goodbye to none, But Heaven's Gates were open wide, And a loving voice said "come".

Beside his grave we often stand, Our hearts are tired and sore, But through the gloom, there comes the words - "Not dead but gone before you"



In Remembrance of Ian's 50th Birthday which fell on the 19th April. Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. Love from Mom, Brothers Paul, Brian and James, Sister Tina, nieces and nephews. Special Anniversary Mass on Sunday 30th May, 10am in Kilmurry Church.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CONNIE O'LEARY

Gougane Barra, Macroom, Co. Cork Who died on May 28th 2018

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us everyday, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.



Sadly missed and fondly remembered by your daughters Pauline and Helen and their families.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

WILLIE MURPHY

Ballymakeera

Whose anniversary occurred on the 26th May

*Deep are the memories,
Precious they stay.
No passing of time,
Can take them away.*



Remembered always by Joan and family

St. Gobnait and St Abán pray for him

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CON DUNNE

Killinardrish, Carrigadrohid
Who died on the 26th May 2016

*Let nothing trouble you,
let nothing frighten you.
All things pass away,
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things,
nothing is wanting to him
who possesses God,
God alone suffices.*

*Lord, help me to remember that nothing
is going to happen to me today
that You and I together cannot handle.*



Sadly missed and remembered fondly each day by his Wife Ann, Daughters Elaine, Julie and Ann, Sons Jerry, John Paul and Con, grandchildren, brother Ted, and many friends, relations and neighbours. Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in thee.

25TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EOIN MC CARTHY

Droumcarra, Kilbarry, Macroom
Who died on MAY 27th 1996

*Memories are like leaves of gold,
They never wither or grow old.
Locked in our hearts you will always be,
Loved and remembered for eternity.*



Sadly missed and fondly remembered by Eugene and Bridget.

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOHN NOEL MURPHY

Sleaven East, Macroom, Co. Cork
Died 1st June 2013

*Those who think of him today
A little prayer to Jesus say*



Sadly missed by his wife Ina and family.

23RD & 24TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembering our dear mother

KITTY O'RIORDAN

Whose 23rd Anniversary occurred

May 1st

Also our dear father

DENNY O'RIORDAN

Whose 24th Anniversary occurs

June 5th

Cork Street, Macroom

*Deep are the memories
Precious they stay,
The passing of time
Won't take them away.*



Always in our thoughts,
Your loving family

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL T BRADLEY

Droumree,

Macroom,

Co Cork

Who passed away on the 30th May 2009



Always remembered by your wife Sheila and family

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10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JEREMIAH (JERRY)
TWOHIG**

Masseytown, Macroom

Who died on the 31st May 2011

As we lovingly remember Jerry on his tenth anniversary.

*As we miss your smile, Your joking ways, We miss the things you used to say,
And when old times we do recall, that is when we miss you most of all.*

*We lost a father with a heart of gold,
How much we miss him,
can never be told.
He shared our troubles and helped us
along, If we follow his footsteps we can
never go wrong.*

*Gone from our home,
that smiling face,
The cheerful, pleasant ways,
The heart that won so many friends,
In bygone happy days.*

*We miss you from your fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place, no one can fill
We miss you father and always will.*

*Your gentle face and patient smile,
With sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each,
And died beloved by all.*

*He was a father so very rare,
Content in his home and always there.
On earth he toiled, in heaven he rests,
God bless you father
you were one of the best.
Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my sake.*

*Your voice keeps whispering gently,
Loved ones be brave and true,
At the end of life there is sunshine,
I'll be waiting and watching for you.*

*We have no doubt that you are safe,
For you have moved to a brighter place,
And those you loved that went before,
Were waiting for you
beside the door.*

*O sweet jesus, for the sake of Thy Bitter
Passion and the sorrows of
Thy Immaculate
Mother have mercy on his soul, and
let the light of Thy countenance shine
upon him.*

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.



Sadly missed by his loving family, wife Ann, daughters Edele, Valerie, Amanda, sons Paul and Eddie, and extended family and friends.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

JOAN DESMOND

**Danganasillagh, Ballymakeera,
Macroom, Co. Cork.**

Who died on 28th May 2020

As we lovingly remember Joan on her first anniversary, her son Patie, daughter Gohnait, son-in-law Connie and grandson Tadhg, would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all those who supported and sympathised with us. Due to Covid health restrictions we were unable to meet with all relatives, friends and neighbours. We would like to thank all those who sent Mass cards, Enrolments and online condolences, which were deeply appreciated.

We would like to thank all Joan's neighbours, especially Mick & Kay, Mary RIP & Teresa, Seán, Eileen, Mary, our good friend Joan and the Home Carers, all of whom were so helpful to Joan when she lived at home.

A special word of thanks to Bernie and all the staff at Macroom Community Hospital for the great care they gave to Joan over the years. We thank also all of Joan's friends, neighbours, nieces and nephews who visited her while she was there.

Thanks also to Dr. John O'Riordan. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the nurses and carers who were present, our friend Hannie and Joan's niece Eileen who recited the Rosary when she passed away. To our friends, Joan's neighbours and the staff of the Hospital who lined the route of the funeral cortege, it was a lovely gesture and very much appreciated.

Thank you to Fr. O'Brien P.P. who visited Joan in hospital and who celebrated the funeral Mass in the manner requested by her. To Máire who sang so beautifully at the graveside, thank you.

Thanks to Fitz-Geralds Funeral Directors for their help and professionalism throughout.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.



A Naomh Gohnait guidh uirthi.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**BOB
McCULLAGH**

5 Millview Terrace, Dripsey
who died 4th May 2020

His wife Mairéad, children Trisha, Tracy and Caroline, brother and sisters and together with his sons in-law Jim Bob, Paddy and Damien and grandchildren wish to thank the many friends, family, neighbours and colleagues who helped us through the past year.

Thanks to the carers and staff at Bríd Haven Nursing Home who gave Bob such great care in his final years, his carers at home for their kindness, to Father Peadar for the lovely Masses and to Cyril Casey and his staff for helping us to take Bob on his final journey, to all his friends at the Weigh Inn especially Bill and Conrad, to Helen and the Feeney family and to Eoin O'Riabhagain for the beautiful tribute, to all those who lined the roads on the day of the funeral, to all who phoned, sent messages, Mass cards, letters, flowers, expressed condolences, your thoughtfulness, love and support will never be forgotten.



*Because I have loved life,
I shall have no sorrow to die.
I have sent up my gladness on wings,
to be lost in the blue of the sky.*

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**SIOBHAN
O'BRIEN**

Glanmire
who died on the 31st of May 2020.

*When a calming, quiet presence
was all that was needed.
She was there.*

*In the excitement and miracle of birth
or in the mystery and loss of life,
She was there.*

*When a silent glance could uplift a patient,
family member or friend,
She was there.*

*At those times when the unexplainable
needed to be explained,
She was there.*

*When the situation demanded
a swift foot and sharp mind,
She was there.*

*When a gentle touch, a firm push,
or an encouraging word was needed,
She was there.*

*To witness humanity in its beauty,
in good times and bad, without judgment,
She was there.*

*To embrace the woes of the world,
willingly, and offer hope,
She was there.*

*And now, that it is time to be
at the Greater One's side,
She was there.*



Fondly remembered by your sister
Deirdre, Ger, Caolán, Aoibhinn and
Sáorlaith.

*"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves a memory no one can steal."*

We would like to thank our wonderful
friends and neighbours for their
continued support.

9th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CHRISSIE
MURPHY
(NEE HEALY)**

Late of Rathcormac and Farranes
Who died on 24th May 2012
Rest in Peace

*Your name is often spoken,
We think about you still,
You haven't been forgotten,
By us you never will.*



Sadly missed by her sister Peggy,
nephews Denis, Noel, Niece Margaret and
extended family

25th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHN
CREMIN**

Aghabullogue, Co. Cork
Who died on 2nd June 1996

*Those we love - don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard, But always near
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.*



Fondly remembered by
his family today and always.

Rest in Peace

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DEIRDRE
BUCKLEY
(NEE MCCARTHY)**

Coolnadane, Macroom
whose second anniversary occurs
18th of May 2021.

*Though her smile is gone forever,
And her smile I cannot touch.
I still have so many memories,
Of the one I loved so much.
Her memory is my keepsake,
With which I'll never part.
God has her in his keeping,
I have her in my heart.*



Always loved and sadly missed her loving
husband Jeremiah, brothers and sisters.

13th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BETTY
LALLY**

Kilcondy, Crookstown,
who died on 03rd June 2008

*Memory is a lovely lane,
Where hearts are ever true,
A lane I so often travel down,
Because it leads to you*



Always remembered with love by Sean,
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Gabriel, Kathleen, Conor, Eoin and Jack

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